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INFERNO RAVAGES WORLD FAMOUS PARIS CATHEDRAL

by AIDAN RADNEDGE

A HUGE smoke cloud rises as one of the world's most famous landmarks, Notre Dame cathedral in Paris, is devastated by fire.

Crowds of Parisians watching from across the River Seine saw much of the medieval masterpiece consumed by flames last night.

The spire of the 12th century church collapsed – with the tip tumbling dramatically to earth – before the blaze spread throughout.

One witness told Sky News onlookers had been 'howling and gasping' in horror.

Messages of support poured in from around the world as Emmanuel Macron rushed to the scene. The French president wrote on social media: 'Our

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‘Staff levels unsafe’ on quarter of NHS wards

ONE in four NHS hospital wards routinely has unsafe staffing levels, threatening patient safety, experts have warned.

Lessons from the Mid Staffordshire scandal, where neglect contributed to patient deaths, have been lost, said researchers at the University of Southampton.

They cited a chronic shortage of nurses, with ten per cent of posts vacant, and a greater use of healthcare assistants.

A 2016 Southampton study warned that, for every 25 patients, substituting one nurse for a less-qualified member of staff was linked with a 21 per cent rise in the odds of dying.

Players pay tribute as city honours Hillsborough 96

LIVERPOOL fell silent for a minute yesterday as it honoured the victims of Hillsborough 30 years after the disaster.

At Anfield, flowers were laid at the Hillsborough memorial as players paid their respects to those who died in the crush at the FA Cup semi-final. Elsewhere in the city, wreaths were laid and 96 lanterns were lit on the steps of St George’s Hall. GETTY

Ex-soldier to face murder charge over teen’s death

by CATE MCCURRY

A FORMER soldier is to be prosecuted for the murder of a teenage boy in Londonderry 47 years ago, Northern Ireland’s Public Prosecution Service has said.

The veteran, known as Soldier B, will be charged with murdering Daniel Hegarty, 15, who was shot twice in the head in the Creggan area of the city on July 31, 1972, during what was known as Operation Motorman.

The former soldier, who was on duty with an army patrol, will also be charged with wounding with intent after Daniel’s cousin Christopher Hegarty, then 17, was shot and injured in the incident.

Last year, the Hegarty family won the right to seek the prosecution of Soldier B after the High Court quashed a Public Prosecution Service (PPS) decision not to bring criminal charges. PPS director Stephen Herron met the family privately in Londonderry yesterday to tell them of the decision.

The family said in a statement: ‘This has been a long journey. We have lost our parents along the way and, recently, our sister Philomena. Daniel was a 15-year-old child, full of life, shot twice in the head at close range and left for dead. It has taken 47 years to finally get the state to do the right thing. We understand that the criminal process must now be allowed to take its own course.’

Victim: Daniel Hegarty was 15 when he was shot twice in the head in Londonderry in 1972 UTV

They added: ‘We wish Soldier B no ill will. We have not and do not seek revenge or retribution. We have waited long enough for this day of justice for Daniel.’

Mr Herron said he had taken Soldier B’s health into consideration.

‘I have concluded the evidence which can be presented at court is sufficient to provide a reasonable prospect of conviction,’ he said.

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Spice Girls get act together... but there's no sign of Mel B

FOUR became three when Mel B failed to turn up for the Spice Girls' rehearsals in London yesterday.

It meant Ginger Spice Geri Horner didn't have to come face-to-face with Scary Spice (pictured) after slamming her for sharing a 'hurtful' claim they had had a lesbian fling in the 1990s.

But pals of the band say the rift has nothing to do with Mel's no-show.

Instead, it was revealed the 43-year-old has been rehearsing alone in Los Angeles amid a legal battle.

The mum-of-three has reportedly agreed a £1.8million out of court settlement with former nanny Lorraine Gilles. The singer was being sued for defamation after she allegedly called the 27-year-old a 'prostitute' and claimed her ex-husband, Stephen Belafonte, had got her pregnant.

Before Mel had delayed her flight to the UK, bandmate Emma Bunton, 43, predicted things might get messy at the first rehearsal since the Mel and Geri's sex storm claims emerged.

'They've [Geri and Mel] got to face each other and be in the same room. It's all going to kick off... in a good way,' she said.

She told ITV's The Jonathan Ross Show on Saturday that the quartet had sat down to defuse the row, which had sparked speculation their sell-out UK tour was in doubt.

'Of course it's (the reunion tour) happening,' she said.

'We are starting rehearsals on Monday! It's all fine. We have all chatted about it. Listen, we had fun back in the day. I didn't know anything else but, you know, we are all good.'

She also joked she was gutted to be left out of Mel and Geri's alleged tryst, telling the host: 'I must admit, I was like, "What about me?" I felt a bit left out.'

by ANDREI HARMSWORTH

We Wannabe perfect: Clockwise from right, Spice Girls Geri Horner, Mel C and Emma Bunton arrive at a London studio yesterday to start rehearsals GC IMAGES/ SPLASH

IN BRIEF

Together: Dooley with Clifton

There are two sides to every story... Stacey on Strictly 'cheat' storm

STACEY DOOLEY insisted there are 'two sides to every story' as she addressed ex-boyfriend Sam Tucknott's claims she is dating her former Strictly Come Dancing dance partner Kevin Clifton.

The TV presenter, 32, wrote on Twitter: 'Anyone with any adult life experience knows there are two sides to every story. I haven't got the time or energy to correct some of the utter nonsense I've read on here.

'Re Sam, I loved him v much and only wish him happiness and success going forward.'

Her tweets came after Sam said he learned about Stacey's romance earlier this month when Kevin, 36, sent her a text saying 'I love you'. The 30-year-old, who split with Stacey earlier this year, claims he discovered she was dating the dancer as he collected belongings from their home. He branded Kevin 'an absolute rat'.

Stacey and Kevin (pictured), were crowned Strictly champions in December last year.

Legal fight: Depp with Heard

Depp lawyer: Amber 'used fake pictures' in domestic abuse claim

JOHNNY DEPP has responded to claims by his ex-wife Amber Heard, suggesting she is using 'fraudulent pictures' to help her domestic abuse case against him.

The 55-year-old is suing the Aquaman actress for $50million (£38million) after she alleged he had grabbed her by the hair and thrashed her around and had threatened to attack her sister.

Heard, 32, admitted in a video she had struck the Pirates Of The Caribbean star to stop the alleged assault at their home.

Depp denies the claims and images purported to show damage done to their property in an alleged fight contain 'no metadata' to confirm when they were taken, said his lawyer Adam Waldman.

He alleges Heard 'concocted new fake claims of abuse' to obtain a restraining order against Depp in May 2016.

Mr Waldman also claims she committed acts of 'serial violence' against Depp. The couple divorced in 2017.

Ex-Strictly star opens up about boat blast

NATASHA KAPLINSKY choked back tears as she revealed her daughter has been left with facial burns after their boat exploded in Corfu.

The former Strictly star removed mirrors from her home as she and daughter Angelica recovered.

The news anchor, 46, told Loose Women 'something terrible went wrong with the boat' last summer.

She said: 'There was a leak in the fuel pipe. The boat stuttered and stopped. My husband made a phone call to get some advice and he was advised to turn the key.

'It was just like a James Bond moment, the whole boat just blew.'

The family were left in the water for 45 minutes which, in a 'blessing', helped minimise their burns. But she continued: 'My daughter Angelica, who was eight at the time, myself and my dad, who doesn't swim, were badly burnt,' in the 'very traumatic' experience. Kaplinsky, who also has a son Arlo with husband Justin Bower, added: 'There is nothing worse than being a mum and seeing your child injured.

'I just kept on looking at her and her face, because that's what was injured and her arm, and thinking about her wedding day. It was just one of the moments where you think, "I just can't bear it".'

Saying she was 'grateful to be alive' and 'extremely lucky', she added: 'Angelica and I had a race to see who could grow their eyelashes and eyebrows back first. We took all the mirrors away from the walls in the house and just stayed home for three months.'

Explosion: The coast of Corfu ALAMY

'Bond moment': Natasha Kaplinsky and Justin Bower TIM P WHITBY/GETTY

Front row seats for tragedy: Onlookers watch in horror from across the Seine as the inferno lights up the sky

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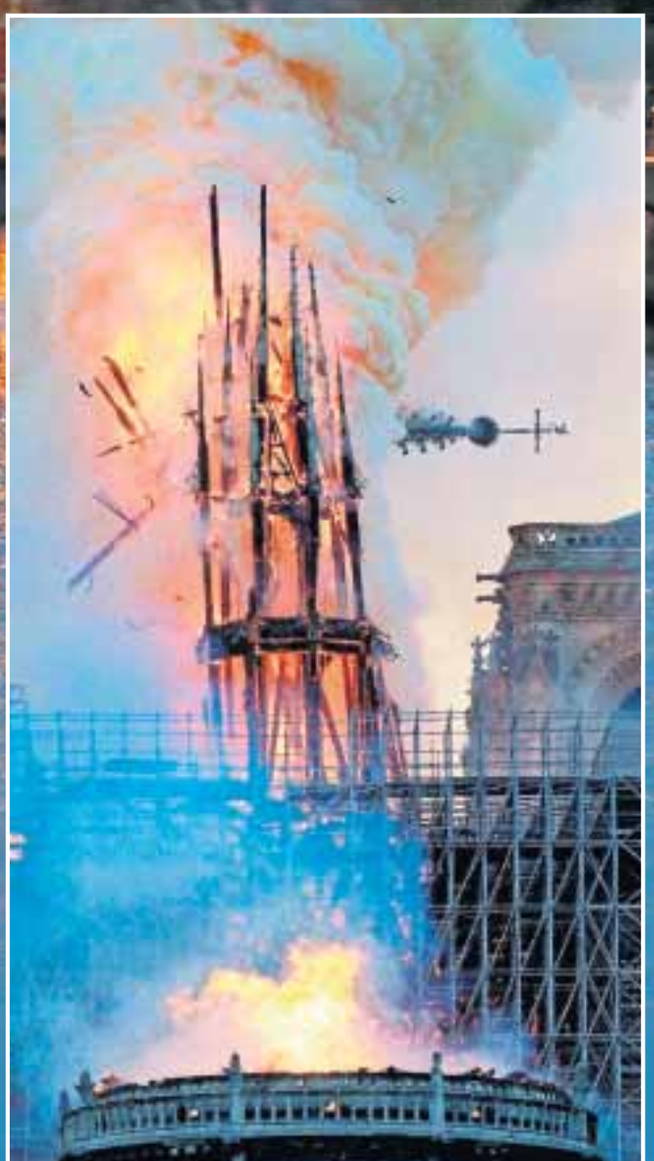

High drama: Tip of spire crashes down as the ancient edifice burns like a bonfire

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Renovations: Building work may have caused the fire

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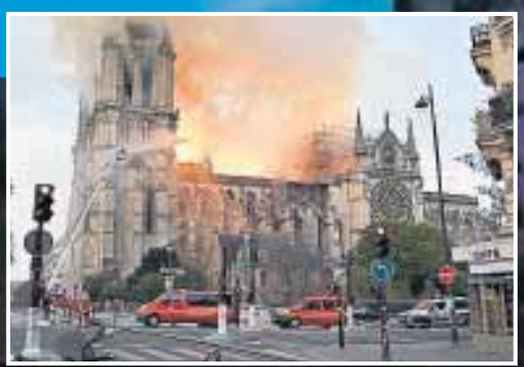
Belching smoke: The devastating blaze takes hold last night



Huge task: Fire crews battle to save landmark from destruction

Disaster: The damage was 'colossal', Paris's deputy mayor said

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Lady of Paris in flames. Emotion of a whole nation. Thoughts for all Catholics and for all French. Like all our countrymen, I'm sad tonight to see this part of us burn.'

The president (pictured) cancelled a TV speech to the nation on his response to the yellow vest protests after flames began shooting from the 850-year-old cathedral's tower shortly after 6pm.

No one is believed to have been hurt but deputy Paris mayor Emmanuel Gregoire said there had been 'colossal' damage.

He said firefighters were battling to save what they could of treasures and artworks dating back centuries. Officials suggested the blaze could be related to an ongoing £7million renovation at the cathedral – which attracts 12million visitors a year – rather than arson or terrorism.

The mayor of London Sadiq Khan said: 'Heartbreaking scenes of Notre Dame cathedral in flames. London stands in sorrow with Paris today, and in friendship always.'

Labour MP Yvette Cooper, who saw the fire during a visit to Paris, said: 'Have just come away from the bank of the Seine after the spire fell as I can't bear to watch any more. Fearful for anyone close to the flames, and aghast that centuries of history & beauty could disappear into smoke so fast.'

US president Donald Trump suggested sending 'flying water tankers' to put out the fire. His vice-president Mike Pence said: 'It is heartbreaking to see a house of God in flames. Our thoughts and prayers are with the firefighters on the scene and all the people of Paris.'

Pope Alexander III laid the cathedral's cornerstone in 1163 and it was largely completed by 1345.

It inspired Victor Hugo's 1831 novel The Hunchback Of Notre Dame, about the doomed love of bell-ringer Quasimodo for gypsy girl Esmerelda.

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Hunt: EU poll a disaster for Tories after Brexit delays

by DOMINIC YEATMAN

JEREMY HUNT has said the Tories could be heading for a 'disastrous' result if the UK takes part in the EU elections next month.

The foreign secretary warned opinion polls back him up – but urged Theresa May to stay in office until Brexit is delivered.

'The bigger principle is that we voted to leave the EU and they want the politicians to get on with it,' he told BBC Radio 4's Today programme.

Voters will head to the polls if MPs have not approved a Brexit deal by May 22, but former leader Iain Duncan Smith has warned of a Tory wipe-out if they do.

Mr Hunt (pictured) and home secretary Sajid Javid, who is also thought to be in the running to take over as Tory leader, are said to fear that anger over the delayed withdrawal would hand victory to a hard Brexiteer such as Boris Johnson if Mrs May steps down soon.

Backbenchers have launched a bid to change party rules to allow an early contest and Mr Hunt admitted it would be 'highly, extremely, very, very challenging' for the PM if she was not able to get her deal through by next month.

'That would be a very serious situation – I don't pretend otherwise – but we aren't at that point,' he said.

Mr Javid said he was 'very comfortable' with the prime minister, insisting she had been 'working incredibly hard to find a deal'.

Meanwhile, chancellor Philip Hammond mocked leadership contenders Boris Johnson and Michael Gove for forming an 'unintended suicide pact' in the 2016 race to succeed David Cameron.

He said the Commons leader, Andrea Leadsom, 'knifed herself in a private suicide pact', leaving Mrs May to win.

JEZZA VOWS TO SPLASH THE CASH

Safety first: The Labour leader paddles on grass with helmet and (inset) takes aim

PICTURES: PA/GETTY

HE WON'T get far paddling a canoe on dry land. But Jeremy Corbyn has promised to help children make progress in a positive direction.

The Labour leader, who visited the Sunnyvale activity centre yesterday in Hipperholme, West Yorkshire, vowed his party would legally oblige councils to pay for services for young people. He said there had been a 70 per cent cut in funding as hard-up local authorities look for savings.

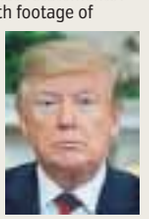
'Not very surprisingly, there's been an increase in youth crime,' he added.

Death threats: Ilhan Omar

Trump turns up heat in row with Muslim rival after 9/11 tweet

DONALD TRUMP yesterday escalated his feud with a Muslim politician after she hit back at him for retweeting a video that appeared to show her being dismissive of the 9/11 attacks.

Democratic congresswoman Ilhan Omar accused the president (pictured) of 'endangering lives', saying death threats against her increased after his tweet was viewed 10million times. He replied by accusing her of making 'anti-Semitic, anti-Israel and ungrateful US hate statements'.



The video, with footage of planes hitting the twin towers in the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center, featured Ms Omar referring to it by saying 'some people did something'.

It did not give the full context of her comments in a speech, which were about Muslims feeling their civil liberties had been eroded since the atrocities in 2001.

Ms Omar has previously said sorry for suggesting politicians support Israel for pay, adding that she was not criticising Jews.

White House press secretary Sarah Sanders said Mr Trump wished her 'no ill will and certainly not violence' but was highlighting her 'history of anti-Semitic comments'.

No-deal planning 'must continue', says May

THERESA MAY has ordered officials to continue planning for a no-deal Brexit, it emerged yesterday.

The prime minister has written to all civil servants in Whitehall, saying the £4billion contingency plans for Britain leaving the EU without an agreement 'must continue' – despite the deadline being stretched to the end of October.

Reports had claimed the civil service was calling off no-deal preparations with 'immediate effect' after the UK was granted more time. But the leaked email revealed by PoliticsHome suggested Mrs May was keen to dispel such suggestions. She said: 'On preparations specifically for leaving the EU without a deal, you will rightly be guided by the cabinet secretary and by your own permanent secretaries about continued planning. Necessary preparations for a no-deal outcome must continue, though with sensibly adjusted timescales given the extension we have agreed.'

She added: 'While we have an extension until the end of October, that does not mean we should use it.

'So as a government we will continue to do everything we can to get agreement through Parliament so that we can leave the EU as soon as possible.' Her proposed Brexit deal has been rejected three times by MPs.

■ THE delay to Brexit must be used by ministers to prepare for the 'more complicated' next stage of talks, according to a respected think tank. The Institute for Government warned against repeating the blunders made during the divorce process. It said trade talks would be harder and would set Britain's relations with other countries for decades to come. Tim Durrant, from the institute, said ministers 'must not waste time by failing to prepare'.

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EXTINCTION REBELS BRING GRIDLOCK TO STREETS OF LONDON

by DOMINIC YEATMAN

MOTORISTS became a rare species in parts of central London yesterday as thousands of protesters blockaded roads to demand action on climate change.

Extinction Rebellion – responsible for a near-naked protest at the House of Commons earlier this month – co-ordinated action in 80 cities across the world with a warning it could last for weeks.

Waterloo Bridge was turned into a garden bridge with hundreds of potted plants and trees after police agreed to close it off.

A sit-down protest spread across Piccadilly Circus while a full-sized model of a boat dominated Oxford Circus. Parliament Square and Marble Arch also ground to a halt as demonstrators filled the streets. The AA described the disruption across central London as 'significant'.

Three men were arrested after activists glued themselves to windows at the HQ of oil giant Shell near Waterloo station. Revolving doors were smashed and protesters climbed the façade to spray paint graffiti.

'We don't want to disrupt people, but our government's failure over the last 30 years leaves us no choice,' a spokesman for Extinction Rebellion said. 'Governments prioritise the short-term interests of the economic elites so, to get their attention, we have to disrupt the economy.'

In Glasgow, protesters scaled the Finniestoun Crane, while Brighton, Nottingham, Cardiff, Edinburgh and Manchester also saw significant protests. Banners were unfurled outside the Reichstag in Berlin and in Amsterdam activists were arrested carrying buckets of fake blood.

But some people accused the protesters of causing 'needless' disruption. Conservative MP David Davies said: 'A rise of less than one degree, partly due to the end of the little ice age, doesn't mean we should ban cars, flying and everything else which makes the 21st century so great to live in.'

Organisers are urging the government to declare a 'climate emergency' and want to see zero carbon emissions by 2025.

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Easter sun days ahead... UK set to be hotter than Spain

BRITAIN is on course to be warmer than Marbella in an Easter holiday heatwave.

Following last week's freeze, temperatures are tipped to soar across the country as the four-day weekend approaches.

The mercury is forecast to rise as high as 23C in some areas – hotter than Majorca in Spain, Saint-Tropez in the south of France and Greek island Corfu.

Daytime temperatures plunged as low as 8C only days ago – with nights hitting freezing across the UK – but have already begun rising ahead of peak warmth this weekend, the Met Office said.

London and sheltered areas in south-eastern England could reach as high as 23C, compared with Marbella's 20C. Cardiff is tipped to hit 21C on Saturday, as are some areas of Northern Ireland. Glasgow and Aberdeen could reach 20C.

The Met Office's Simon Partridge said: 'After a chilly spell this weekend, we are going to see temperatures gradually increase through the week.

'By the weekend we could see in parts of the country temperatures of around 20C or just above.'

But this weekend will fall short of the warmest Easter on record – 27.8C at Heathrow in 1949 and the same in Wisley, Surrey in 2011.

Perks: Clooney promoting Nespresso

First coffee pods that 'rot down to nothing in weeks'

A BARISTA has created the first airtight and fully compostable Nespresso-compatible coffee capsules.

Stuart Wilson, founder of the Lost Sheep Coffee company, developed the pods from lignin – a waste product from the paper industry which can rot to nothing in 12 weeks.

They work with Nespresso coffee machines, promoted by actor George Clooney – who has earned millions from the brand's adverts. Mr Wilson, 37, based in Whitstable, Kent, said more than 500million capsules are thrown into landfill every year. He said: 'My little girl is 20 months old, and her generation is going to inherit this whole environmental issue. I didn't want to be part of the problem.'

Other compostable capsules are not airtight, meaning coffee goes stale in months, said Mr Wilson, adding: 'We want more people to do this. There's no point in having the solution if you don't share it.'

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First picture of nail salon owner arrested after her dog mauled boy to death

Dog owner: Sadie Totterdell is a friend of Frankie's mother

by TOM BEVAN

THIS is the woman arrested after a boy of nine was mauled to death at a holiday park by her dog – which is said to have carried out four previous attacks.

Nail salon manager Sadie Totterdell is thought to have left her 'bulldog-type' pet Winston in a caravan with Frankie Macritchie while she and the youngster's mother Tawnee Willis were together next door.

She discovered Frankie lying wounded at about 5am on Saturday and alerted his mum, who yelled 'the dog's attacked my boy', according to reports yesterday.

Emergency services were called and the youngster was pronounced dead at Tencreek Holiday Park in Looe, Cornwall.

Ms Totterdell, 28, was arrested later near Plymouth, on suspicion of having a dog out of control and manslaughter. She has been released 'under investigation' while enquiries continue, with Winston's fate to be decided.

Ms Willis, 30, is understood to be separated from Frankie's father Billy, who has said his son's death should 'never have happened'.

In a Facebook post written at his request by his sister Danielle, he added: 'My whole world has shattered into a million pieces.

'Daddy is so lost without you little man, I really don't know how I'm ever gonna live without you. This should never have happened. I wish I could hold you and kiss you forever. You are my whole life and now you're gone. Sleep tight my darling boy, my best friend my everything.'

Well-wisher Ryan Astly replied to the post, saying: 'I wish nothing but light at the end of all this, I can't imagine how you are all feeling and how this planet can still revolve around with no care for its actions.'

Seven-year-old Winston was often muzzled after the four less serious previous attacks, including one a few weeks ago, according to The Sun. Det Supt Mike West said: 'We've got specialists that are looking at the breed of the dog, and that's part of our inquiries. This is a desperately sad event which has seen a nine-year-old boy lose his life whilst on holiday.'

'Darling boy': Billy Macritchie with Frankie

Questioned: Ms Totterdell with a similar dog

Classy GoT still doesn't play by the rules

REVIEW

Game Of Thrones, *Sky Atlantic*

★★★★★

by KEITH WATSON

LET'S face it, star ratings are pretty by the by with Game Of Thrones by now. After seven seasons of dragon slaying, rampant sex of all descriptions and the occasional spot of defenestration, you've either got with the programme or you haven't.

Blessed with a huge global fanbase – 1billion people tuned in for yesterday's HBO premiere, with the Brit contingent staying up until 3am to watch it at the same time as everyone in the US – GoT is a law unto itself.

Which is why it can get away with a season opener so cocksure of its pulling power that, for the most part, it was all foreplay and precious little action.

Season 8 is going to take its own sweet time to get to the big finish and play with us a little bit. So what we got was an ominous sense of the quiet before the storm – and a little bit of dragon-riding rom-com action for love birds Daenarys T and Jon Snow.

The incidental pleasures were many: someone will write a Uni thesis about the use of colour in Game Of Thrones (if they haven't already) and there was a touching moment between Arya Stark and Jon Snow where the images subtly defrosted in front of our eyes, the screen morphing from washed out monotone to the warm pink and red of human emotion. Sheer class.

As for the legendary GoT flesh factor, well, Jerome Flynn got his top off with a trio of nubile young women in a scene that felt like a tongue-in-cheek tribute to the show's early dalliance with flagrant nudity. I do kind of miss those days.

But tongues in this scene, I should point out, got nowhere near cheeks as Jerome suffered a nasty case of Cersei-interruptus, aka the call of duty.

But the end is nigh and, by GoT standards, some of the plot exposition was lightning fast – Jon Snow learning the true nature of his lineage, a slow burner since the beginning, was over in the blink of an eye.

There I go, sounding like a fanboy. Star ratings, who needs them? By now you're either in or you're out. And I'm so in.

Bruvved up: Jon Snow bonds with supposed half brother Bran HBO

IN BRIEF

Crossbow killing 'was accident' says accused

A JILTED husband accused of murdering his pregnant ex-wife with a crossbow insisted the fatal bolt was fired accidentally.

Ramanodge Unmathallegadoo, 51, said he had only wanted to confront her new husband about allegedly forcing his 12-year-old daughter to live as a Muslim.

He allegedly shot ex-wife Devi, 35, at her home in Ilford, east London. She died in hospital but her baby survived after an emergency Caesarean. He told the Old Bailey he felt 'a chill in my spine' when he saw her shot.

Unmathallegadoo denies murder and attempted destruction of an unborn child.

Mental health patients have a 'worrying' wait

ALMOST 100,000 people waited more than three months for a follow-up second NHS mental health therapy appointment.

Mental health charity Mind said the figures were 'worrying' and warned long waits between sessions can affect recovery.

NHS Digital data shows 97,483 people in England – 16 per cent of patients with second sessions – waited longer than three months between February 2018 and January 2019.

An NHS spokesman said it was exceeding targets for first appointments. There is no target for second sessions but NHS guidance says 'services should guard against hidden waits'.

Brit who fought Daesh is facing a second trial

AN ARMY reject who fought with the Kurds against Daesh in Syria faces a retrial after an Old Bailey jury failed to agree on a verdict.

Aidan James was charged with attending terrorist training camps after fighting for the Kurdish People's Protection Units (YPG).

The 28-year-old, from Formby, Merseyside, was arrested by anti-terror police when he returned to Liverpool Airport after six months in February last year.

His barrister Andrew Hall QC had called the case 'nonsense' and said James had no interest in the YPG's wider political aims.

Prosecutors intend to try him for a second time.

Star couple deny bribe to get kids into college

ACTRESS Lori Loughlin and her fashion designer husband Mossimo Giannulli have pleaded not guilty in the US college admissions bribery scandal.

The couple will contest claims they paid $500,000 (£381,000) to get their daughters admitted to the University of California as rowing recruits, even though neither participates in the sport.

Loughlin, 54, and Giannulli, 55, are among several indicted parents to enter not guilty pleas.

But 12 have admitted offences, including Desperate Housewives actress Felicity Huffman, 56, who paid $15,000 to have her daughter's exam score boosted.

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ONE HORSE RACE... RESCUERS BEAT TIDE AS ANIMAL SINKS IN MUD

AN EXHAUSTED horse was winched to safety after becoming trapped in deep mud on a beach.

Rescuers were called when the steed and its rider ran into trouble at Burnham-on-Sea in Somerset yesterday. As sharp winds swirled across the Bristol Channel, a 'complex operation' took place to free it using ropes before the tide came back in. The horse, which had been buried to the top of its legs, was eventually pulled out – and bound off to be reunited with its owner.

'It was a happy outcome, but with the danger of hypothermia it could have been very different,' said a spokesman for Burnham Coastguard.

APEX

Brit soldier quizzed over 'glassing' of her pal in Magaluf

by GERARD COUZENS

A BRITISH soldier accused of attacking another in a suspected glassing at a Magaluf nightclub appeared in court yesterday.

Sydney Cole was flanked by armed Civil Guards as she arrived to be questioned by a judge at a hearing held behind closed doors in the Majorcan capital Palma.

The 19-year-old, thought to be from London, said nothing as she was escorted handcuffed into court with her head bowed.

Her alleged victim has been named as fellow soldier Sarah Ann Garrity, who was born in Glasgow but now lives in Middlesbrough.

The 22-year-old – said to be a friend of Cole – was in intensive care in Son Espases Hospital in Palma, where her condition was described as 'critical'. Her throat was cut by glass in the Bananas nightclub on the Magaluf strip at about 1am yesterday.

'Friends': Ms Garrity and Cole

She lost a large amount of blood and was treated at the scene, where Ms Cole was arrested. A source said: 'The girl who was injured suffered a cut to her throat. She was rushed to intensive care and had an emergency operation.

'She's still very serious but we're hearing the operation has been successful and saved her life. The alleged attacker is in custody.'

It was unclear if Ms Garrity had been injured with a broken bottle or was hurt when a glass was thrown at her – but sources said they believed it was the latter.

A source at an emergency response co-ordination centre said it received a call about a fight in the club that 'involved a physical attack with a glass by one friend against another'.

A British Army spokeswoman said: 'We are aware of an incident involving two off-duty soldiers in Spain. An investigation by the local Spanish police is ongoing, and it would be inappropriate to comment further.'

Court hearing: Sydney Cole is led handcuffed by police in Palma SOLARPIX

IN BRIEF

Fake reviews 'mislead Amazon's customers'

AMAZON customers are being misled by thousands of bogus reviews, according to Which?

The consumer watchdog found headphones, dash cams, fitness trackers and smart watches are most likely to have suspicious reviews. Producers such as Itshiny, Vogek and Aitalk had thousands of unverified reviews – with no evidence the reviewer had bought or used the product.

Natalie Hitchins, of Which?, said: 'Amazon must do more to purge websites of unreliable and fake reviews if it is to maintain trust.'

Amazon responded by saying it invests 'significant resources' into overseeing reviews.

No laughing matter for 'hippy crack' importer

A HAUL of laughing gas capsules – also known as hippy crack – will not be returned to the business boss who said they would be used for whipped cream.

Border Force officers found 200,000 capsules of the nitrous oxide gas in a shipping container.

Bought from Australian firm QuickWhip for £20,000 and sent to Southampton via Hong Kong, the capsules had an estimated street value of £800,000.

Daniel Hennessy, the sole owner of Elevator Enterprises, told Southampton magistrates the seizure brought his catering firm to its knees. But a judge said his evidence was 'implausible' and refused to return the capsules.

Prowler raped student as she slept in her bed

A PROWLER has been found guilty of raping a university student in her bedroom during freshers' week.

Sultan Mohammed, 25, got into the girl's halls through a security door left wedged open before creeping into her room at 5am.

The 'shocked' student woke to find Mohammed on top of her and tried to take his picture as he fled the room at the University of Essex's Colchester campus.

Mohammed's fingerprints were found on a window. A jury at Ipswich Crown Court took less than an hour to find Mohammed, of Colchester, guilty. He will be sentenced tomorrow.

Not to be sniffed at! Nice smells cut cig cravings

SNIFFING pleasant odours such as chocolate or peppermint could help smokers quit, says a study.

In the research, 232 smokers sniffed odours they found pleasant, including chocolate and vanilla, before lighting a cigarette to rate out of 100 their craving to smoke it.

They then did the same with a bad odour and tobacco.

The study, at the University of Pittsburgh in the US, found all had decreased cravings but pleasant smells reduced them by more.

Researchers think nice smells may distract smokers by reminding them of memories linked to the scent.

JAMIL'S TWITTER DIGS AREN'T ABOUT FAME

JAMEELA JAMIL insists her take-downs on Twitter are not done to win attention.

The DJ-turned-TV star has taken on the Kardashians over their diet promotions and recently dubbed Piers Morgan a 's*** stain' for his criticism of Sam Smith's gender identity comments.

'The funniest thing is people are like, "You're just saying this stuff to further your career". Are you in insane? I'm biting all the hands that could feed me. But I won't go away. I can't live with hypocrisy,' said the Good Place actress.

Speaking at Coachella music festival in California, Jameela, 33, also said she was enjoying the last laugh after being branded 'too old, too fat and too ethnic for Hollywood'.

THE music chart is set to go K-Pop... because BTS are poised to make history as the first Korean act to have a No.1 UK album. The boy band are set to snag top spot with new EP Map Of The Soul: Persona, which is leading the way by more than 10,000 combined sales, according to the Official Charts Company.

The Chemical Brothers' ninth LP, No Geography, will go in at No.2 while Billie Eilish slips from No.1 to No.3 with When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go? Irish post-punk group Fontaines DC are set to enter at No.4 with Dogrel, and Emma Bunton is poised to make the top five with My Happy Place.

ANDREI HARMSWORTH'S

GUILTY

FIRED FROM GoT, BUT ED'S A 'SURVIVOR'

ED SHEERAN really can't bat an eyelid over the grisly fate of his Game of Thrones character.

Amid calls for him to never return to the fantasy drama following his controversial cameo as a singing Lannister soldier back in 2017, he bragged he that was in fact one of the show's 'survivors'.

His character's squadron was attacked by dragons on the orders of Emilia Clarke's character, Daenerys Targaryen, viewers learned in the Season 8 opener early yesterday.

During the long-awaited return of the Sky Atlantic show, a group of girls mulled over what had happened to the Lannister soldiers.

One shared that a red-headed soldier, called Eddie, had his face burned in the attack.

'I hear the dragon burnt up a thousand Lannister men,' she said. Quizzed about the 'ginger' one, she confirmed: 'That's him. Came back with his face burnt right off. He's got no eyelids now.'

The revelation caused her pal to ask: 'How does he sleep with no eyelids?'

Appearing thrilled to learn that his character wasn't completely bumped off, Sheeran – who is on tour in Hong Kong – boasted on Instagram: 'I knew I was a survivor'.

The 28-year-old singer temporarily deleted his Twitter after being blasted by fans over his GoT cameo, and episode director Jeremy Podeswa said at the time: 'If people didn't know who Ed was, they wouldn't have thought about it twice. The hoo-ha seems to be from things outside the world of the show.'

Following the row, the Perfect singer admitted he wasn't planning to give up the day job adding: 'No one wants to see me come back.'

Meanwhile, fans say the two-year wait for the final series of GoT was worth it.

British viewers stayed up until 3am to watch the series opener and many were left lamenting the fact they have to wait a week to tune in for episode two.

One tweeted: 'Freaking out over that #Gameof Thrones episode! So worth the wait! Why, why do we have to wait another week.'

Another wrote: 'It's over just like that?! Didn't they say episodes were gonna be 90-120 minutes long? I can't wait a whole week, someone leak the whole season pls.'

And one fan moaned: 'Look I need like three hour-long episodes. This one hour BS is not going to cut it. Waiting a week is rough.'

Episode one, which had a run time of 54min, is the shortest of the eighth and final season. The third instalment is the longest, running to 82min.

GoT airs on Sky Atlantic on Mondays at 2am and is repeated at 9pm.

Bit of an eyesore: The fate of Ed's character was revealed in GoT Season 8 opener PA

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Brew better get the beers in, Joe

Throne a party: Joe as Sansa Stark and enjoying a beer with brother Nick

JOE JONAS faces a Stark choice – import US beer to his and fianceé Sophie Turner's wedding in France or face a booze disaster.

The groom-to-be, who posed as GoT actress Sophie's Sansa Stark character yesterday, said brother Nick's wedding to actress Priyanka Chopra, in India last year, got messy when they ran out of home brew.

'So a lot of Coors Light is necessary,' the Jonas Brothers singer, 29, said.

Nick, 26, then chimed in: 'Our friends drink a lot of beer and we ran out at the wedding, which was a big issue.'

Elder brother Kevin, 31, warned: 'It starts to get very dark very fast with hard alcohol instead.'

PLEASURES

Pick me up: Shirtless and shoeless Chris put a T-shirt over his head to protect himself from the sun BACKGRID

Strum-thing special: Sam's debut album Hypersonic Missiles is out in August GETTY/REDFERNS

F-END OF AN ERA! SAM MOVES MUM TO NEW PAD TO CELEBRATE SUCCESS

SAM FENDER and his mum are looking in the rear view mirror after the rocker revealed he's got her a new house to celebrate his debut album.

The Geordie-born musician exclusively told GP he has shipped the former nurse out of his mouldy childhood home ahead of the hotly anticipated release of debut album Hypersonic Missiles on August 9.

'I moved me and my mam out of the estate we were in. We've been there for ten years since I was 13,' shared the Brit winner.

'I have happy memories there but there's also a lot of weight there.'

Chuffed to be able to treat his mum, the 25-year-old singer said: 'We had times when we were pretty f***ing skint.

'It was tough. It's nice to have a fresh start. We're still in North Shields but we have a slightly nicer flat... one that doesn't have black mould on the walls.

'It's lush. It's a fresh start. She doesn't have to worry about the rent and it's nice to be able to do that for her.

'She's in her 60s. I want her to slow down. I don't want her to work. I want her to put her feet up. She looks after the disabled. She used to be an NHS nurse. She works her arse off.'

CHRIS'S WILD TRIP GOES WITH A HITCH

CHRIS MARTIN looked like a stranded hitchhiker in serious Trouble when he was picked up barefoot, topless and with a T-shirt slung over his head by the side of the road.

Luckily, the Coldplay singer was given a ride home by actress girlfriend Dakota Johnson in a 4x4, following his weekend excursion to Kanan canyon in California.

Martin's solo time comes after he took out a restraining order against a stalker.

The 42-year-old singer made the move to stop a 'deluded' woman, who believes she's in a romantic relationship with the Coldplay frontman, from bothering him and his family.

Meanwhile, pals say Martin and Fifty Shades of Grey star Johnson, 29, are becoming homebods.

A source said: 'Dakota has been filming out of state but, most weekends, comes back to Malibu to spend time with Chris. They usually have friends over and rarely go out.'

That's my ride: The singer gets a lift from girlfriend Dakota Johnson

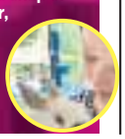
THE GUILTY GUTTER

Katy's support role for Billie

KATY PERRY wants to be Billie Eilish's showbiz godmother after she and fiancé Orlando Bloom hung out with the 17-year-old pop star at Coachella. She vowed to 'protect' the Bury A Friend singer as 'beings like her don't enter our orbit often'.

Posh is so hoppy it's almost Easter

VICTORIA BECKHAM is already rabbiting on about Easter. The designer, 44, shared a cute snap of daughter Harper, seven, cuddling a pet bunny at actress pal Eva Longoria's LA pad on Sunday.



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'Nazi' jibe too much

David Lammy's comments comparing some Brexiteer MPs to Nazis are thoroughly appalling (Metro, Mon). When pro-Remain MP Anna Soubry was called a Nazi by an idiotic member of the public outside Parliament, MPs raised the matter in the Commons. The liberal media fell over themselves to give the story maximum coverage. Finally the police were forced to make an arrest. Where are all those complainants now? Mr Lammy (pictured) also described celebrities filming in Africa for Comic Relief as 'white saviours'. How should he be described?

Jill Dobbs, Rotherhithe

Tory bigwigs are putting their party before the country

The demand by former cabinet member Iain Duncan Smith and many other Conservatives that Theresa May must leave office soon if they support her deal is the clearest example that they have no regard for the country (Metro, Mon). The two issues are completely unconnected. Either the deal is the best achievable or it isn't, and either she is suitable as leader or she isn't. Why put up with one just to achieve the other?

Brian H, New Milton

Iain Duncan Smith might consider directing his efforts towards resolving Brexit rather than wasting yet more time on leadership issues. He is only adding density to this imploding mess.

J, Manchester

For the sake of the country's standing in the world, for our economics and for the Tory party, Mrs May has to go now. She has tried her best but is leading the party into meltdown. We need a Brexiteer who is prepared to take the bull by the horns and give the electorate what they voted for.

Sylvia, via email

I have been a Conservative voter all my life. I am 73 and will never vote for them again – I will vote for the Brexit Party to finish what 17.4million people voted for.

Tina Young, via email

It is really sad to see the way Brexit is heading. Theresa May is digging a deeper hole instead of getting out of it. She has stubbornly stuck with her withdrawal agreement, which has been rejected by parliament three times. This agreement has passed its sell-by date yet she is still clinging to it. The Brexit imbroglio has caused acute frustration, anger, disappointment and deep divisions among the people of the UK. Mrs May, her cabinet and the political parties have failed miserably in resolving the Brexit issue. Her only option now is to dismount from her high horse and move on to other important issues facing the country. The only way out for her is to go back to the people.

Baldev Sharma, Harrow

PM's deputy has hopes for Labour talks

Contenders vie to fill May's shoes as Tories warned of death blow

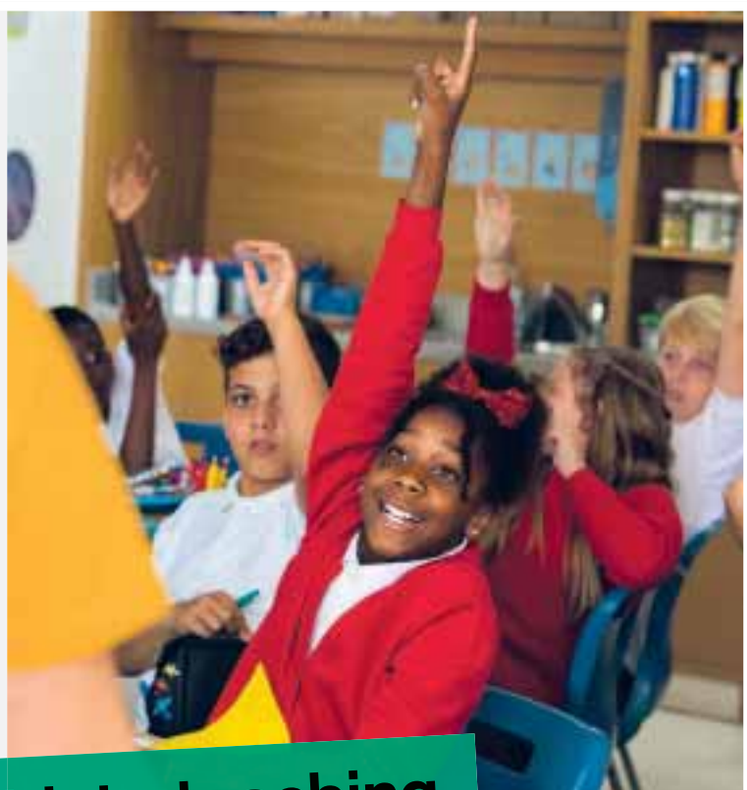
Ukip leader: Rape tweet just satire

Rivals assemble: Yesterday's Metro

Battle lines: Iain Duncan Smith and Theresa May

We are supposed to be leaving the EU, so there should be no need to vote in next month's EU elections. Why waste all that money on MEPs who should never take their seats?

A Davis, Yorkshire



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RUSH-HOUR CRUSH

Love is all around us, as shown by the messages left by our commuter cupids. Are they talking about you? And please tell us if you get together!

Hello Fellow Legal Eagle (Crush, Fri)! I'd love to meet up again for a coffee and a fruity vape. I'm usually passing through the concourse at Lime Street most weekdays at about 5pm. I'll keep my hair red for a while longer so you'll recognise me.

Vaping Legal Eagle, Newton-le-Willows

Gorgeous man on the 1.57pm train from Manchester Piccadilly to Llandudno on Sunday. We spoke quite a bit about the mug I had because you had the same one. Fancy going for a drink and we can use our mugs together?

Cheeky Brunette, Chester

Beautiful Brazilian Miriam on Saturday at 10.30pm at Monument station. Can you teach me some more Portuguese? Coffee and pão de queijos are on me.

Good-Looking Guy At Monument

To the attractive actor from London, who was wearing a checked shirt and coat, blue jeans and black shoes and had short hair and a sexy ginger[ish] beard. We were chatting for 20 minutes or so before you got off at Tooting Bec between 12.30pm and 1am on Saturday. It would be nice to meet again if you feel the same way.

Asian Lady With Colourful Highlights Who Used To Live In Brighton

Beautiful Chinese girl with a beauty spot on the 10.47pm westbound Central line Tube last Friday. I got off at Shepherd's Bush. Our eyes met on a

WE'RE FLIGHT YEARS BEHIND THE REST

Lines of duty: Queuing for the flight desks at Gatwick airport can be a drag REX

■ **Service at UK airports and the labyrinth queuing systems are things my European friends always comment on (Escape, Mon). Tamara Hinson has hit the nail on the head – UK airports are lagging far behind decent ones such as those in the Far East and Scandinavia. I must also mention the fast-track rip-off, inadequate seating and passport controllers who treat you like a criminal when all you have done is come over here for a holiday. And don't get me started on travelling to and from our airports...**
Martha, Leeds

■ **I've never had any issues when going through Luton airport. It's being developed all the time. If that's too traumatic for you, Tamara, fly from somewhere else.** *Simon, Luton*

AND ANOTHER THING...

■ So a new species of dwarf-like humans who lived in Asia 50,000 years ago has reportedly been found. They were 4ft tall and climbed trees. That sounds like a bunch of kids!
Michael, London

■ In discussing the French attitude to Brexit, Will says they owe the UK a 'debt of gratitude' (MetroTalk, Mon). Why do so many feel the need to relate everything to the world wars? President Emmanuel Macron's job is to represent the views of his populace, whether or not that matches the UK's ambitions. Most people in France today weren't alive during World War II, so why should their opinions be based on events of more than 70 years ago? The EEC, which evolved into the EU, was formed after war to fortify international relations, yet I never hear Brexiteers mention that.
Steven, London

■ It was great to see Tiger Woods winning the US Masters – his first Major in 11 years. (Metro, Mon). It was a truly great comeback by a truly great sportsman.
Dave Osborne, Enfield

Great comeback: Tiger Woods

■ To the man who coughed in my face while playing a game on his phone during the commute to Handforth Dean. Cover your mouth next time.
N, Manchester

GOOD DEED FEED

Thanks to Anne, who accompanied me to A&E and stayed for nine hours after I had a slight stroke in church the other day. All better now.
Anna, Peckham Rye

To Ben, the absolute star who picked up my phone after I'd dropped it on the Southend to Liverpool Street train last Wednesday. He not only got it back to me but also went to a lot of trouble to do so. ***Sue, Rochford***

Many thanks to the binman in the orange vest who was determined to empty my garden waste bin even though I had clearly rammed too much in. ***Julie, Whitley Bay***

Thank you to the kind staff at the coffee shop in West Croydon bus station on Saturday when I asked them for some water after I had an allergic reaction to peanuts. They were so kind. ***Jo, South Croydon***

Thank you to the lovely driver on the X1 bus to Washington Galleries for helping my dad get his bus pass back after he lost it. He was so grateful. You're a credit to Northern Buses.
Lisa, Jarrow

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crowded trip home and your face made my heart melt. Drink?
Well-Dressed Redhead In The Blue Suit And White Shirt

Stunning Jamaican or possibly African girl on the X3 or X4 bus last Friday around midday. We shared a few pleasantries and both blew kisses when I got off at Cecil Road in Erdington. I'd love to see you again and go for a drink – you took my breath away.
Lad With The Stupidly Heavy Shopping

Beautiful brunette in DMs and glasses with the huge bell on her bike and a musical instrument in her backpack on the train from Cambridge to Ely at around 4pm last Thursday. I really wanted to ask you to ring the bell on your bike after I commented on it. I also really wanted to ask you out for a drink but bumped into a friend and then you'd gone. I was gutted. Would you let me buy you a drink sometime?
Tall Bald Guy With Glasses Wearing Double Denim

Prince Charming with brown eyes, brown hair and the longest legs I have seen in a while on the Northern line from Highgate at 2pm on Friday. We both got off at Euston, changed on to the Victoria line and crossed paths again changing to the District line. You made my jaw drop and I regret not dropping my number. Fancy a juice sometime? ***Blue-Eyed Sweaty Betty***

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THE LEGENDARY R&B SINGER, 69, ON HIS FAVOURITE EIGHTIES ACTS, WHY HE MADE HIS OWN CLOTHES AND BEING DAD TO KEITH LEMON

INTERVIEW BY RACHEL CORCORAN

REX

You're back this summer with the Let's Rock festivals – why do you enjoy them so much?
I love festivals in general but Let's Rock is the one that introduced me to them. I'd never really done festivals before – I'd always thought they were for the elite, I was never asked to do them. Since then I've done many and really enjoy them.

There are a lot of '70s and '80s revival festivals now...
Exactly – they're so different from concerts. The people come along with a lovely free spirit ready to enjoy themselves. Love Really Hurts Without You for some reason really gets people moving and Red Light rocks them too. But then so does Caribbean Queen, Get Into My Car, When The Going Gets Tough – all of them!

Money-maker: Ronan Keating

Are you friendly with other '70s and '80s acts?
Yeah, you see them in passing and say hello, but life is such that you don't really get to make any solid friendships. Back in the day, most of my friends were people I grew up with but I always looked forward to seeing people like The Real Thing, Heatwave. I used to bump into Duran Duran quite a lot, people of that sort of era.

Your songs have been covered by LaToya Jackson, Randy Crawford, The Nolans and Boyzone – which is your favourite?
Haha! The one that made me the most money, which is Boyzone! And in fact they did the best version out of all the songs anyway. Since then I've got to know Ronan Keating and the boys and they're really nice people.

You've been hailed as the biggest black recording star Britain has ever produced – how does that make you feel?
I'm proud of it but it's not something I dwell on because there's a lot of really good black talent in England, so why more haven't come through I don't know. The music industry has changed. You no longer have the enjoyment of seeing a record climbing up the chart over the weeks and looking on Top Of The Pops to see, or going on it. It's quite sad everything has gone online.

What times have you enjoyed most in your career?
So many. Number ones in America, working with Kathleen Turner, Michael Douglas and Danny DeVito on Romancing The Stone, the thrill you get out of writing new songs. The band I'm working with now are such a lovely bunch of people I wish I'd had them before because I probably wouldn't have stopped for such a long while. Winning a Grammy, meeting people like Stevie Wonder and Paul McCartney. They're such important milestones in your life and lovely memories that you save up for when you get older and can't do anything any more.

I know exactly what my job is now – it's to make people happy. When I do that, it makes me happy

Do you still have your classic '80s outfits?
Oh my gosh! I still have some of them. My favourite is the checked jumpsuit. I made some of them myself because I'm a qualified tailor and couldn't afford to buy them. My mum said, 'If you're going to pursue music you better have something to fall back on just in case it fails.' But it never failed. After my first successful record Love Really Hurts, I never looked back. I kept on going uphill and I'm still going.

Disney visit: Keith Lemon

Your real name is Leslie Sebastian Charles – does anyone call you Leslie?
You just did! Not very often, no. It's very rare. My bank manager maybe. Even my family don't – they call me another name, which I won't tell you. No one knows that other name!

Is your eldest daughter Cherie still a backing singer for you?
Yes! I love having her with me. Rachel, my youngest, plays piano and cello, my son Anthony plays drums and keyboard but Cherie's the only one who supports me and loves singing. I really am proud to have her with me. My wife travels with me now and again.

You're still touring a lot – Australia in June - where do you get the energy?
Yes, I'm going to America and Africa too. The truth is when you start off in this business it's fresh, then after a while you wonder why you're doing it, whether it's for money or because someone is telling you to. But age is the only thing that gives you knowledge and understanding. And for me I know exactly what my job is now – it's to make people happy. When I do that, it makes me happy.

You played Keith Lemon's father in his film. Would you do that again?
Yes, he's my son! I'm very proud of him. We're in touch. Actually he keeps in touch with my kids mainly, believe it or not – his 'sisters'! But it's always nice when I see him – I like him very much. One time he even came to see me in Disney World. Out of character, he's totally different – he's a very normal nice guy.

Ocean will be one of the headliners at Let's Rock festivals across the UK this summer. letsrock80s.com

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‘Casanova’ conman jailed over lies

A ‘CASH-CARD Casanova’ jailed for conning women out of £40,000 is back behind bars after lying about his military service.

Serial womaniser Michael Brain, 49, used dating websites to describe himself as ‘ex-special forces’.

He was rumbled in 2016, jailed for four years and given a criminal behaviour order (CBO) banning him from using dating apps.

But weeks after his release last year, he was back on sites such as Plenty Of Fish, and given a two-year jail term for the CBO breach.

Brain (pictured), from Plymouth, who was in the Royal Navy when he was younger, made up tales to trick cash out of women and left them penniless. He was spotted by a former partner who called the police.

Sentencing him at Plymouth crown court, Recorder Charles Morrison said: ‘You were involved in getting substantial sums of money out of several vulnerable women.’

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Two toddlers orphaned by head-on crash

by JOEL TAYLOR

TWO young children were orphaned when their parents and uncle died in a crash with a pick-up truck being driven the wrong way down a slip road.

Yanna Kockova and her husband Marko Godla, both believed to be 22, and her brother Tomas Kocko died in the head-on collision in Peterborough early on Sunday morning.

The couple’s children, Nela, two, and one-year-old Rachael were not in the car at the time.

The driver of the pick-up truck was arrested on suspicion of driving while under the influence of drink or drugs, and of causing death by dangerous driving. He was taken to hospital in a critical condition.

Tributes have been paid on Facebook to the victims. Milan Godla said: ‘Feeling sad and heartbroken after hearing news from my family this morning.

‘My cousin has been involved in car crash last night with his wife and her brother in Peterborough. You will be missed. Rest in peace.’

Michael Rios added: ‘My two favourite cousins lost their lives in a serious car crash today... Fly high my angels. Gone but never forgotten. I love you.’

Cambridgeshire Police Federation chairman Liz Groom said it was ‘such sad news’. She tweeted: ‘Thoughts with the families of those who have died.

‘Also with the officers and other emergency service colleagues who attended the incident and delivered the terrible messages to loved ones.’

Killed: Parents Marko Godla and Yanna Kockova

Crushed: The car in which the family died TERRY HARRIS

I was a size 10 working 14-hour shifts when surprise son arrived

A WAITRESS who had no idea she was pregnant gave birth to a healthy 6lb 8oz son while home alone in her flat.

Charlotte Dubard, 24, then summoned boyfriend Miguel Angel, 28, to come home from work at Pret a Manger – and when he arrived he yelled: ‘Oh my God, you found a baby in the street!’ The new mum added: ‘I started bawling and said “This is ours”. He was in shock. Neither of us could believe it was ours.’

Ms Dubard, who works at Somerset House in London, was taking the contraceptive pill and working 14-hour shifts during her pregnancy.

She began to crave sugar and gained a few pounds but stayed a size eight to ten and said her periods continued as normal.

On January 28 this year, she felt mild cramps that continued the next day in waves.

When she felt a stabbing pain she investigated using her iPhone camera – and realised she was giving birth. The graduate, who gave birth in the bath at home in Bow, east London, cut the umbilical cord with nail scissors.

She said instinct took over, adding: ‘It was only once we got to the hospital that I registered what had happened.’ Ms Dubard forgot to take the pill a couple of times and assumes that explains her pregnancy. Having smoked and drank throughout, she said: ‘I call Elias my miracle baby because he is so healthy after all I put him through.’

‘Miracle’: Mr Angel and Ms Dubard admire little Elias PICTURE: TRIANGLE

GRAND GLAM! SERENA JOINS HENS AT BRIDE-TO-BE WOZNIACKI'S POOL PARTY

TENNIS aces Serena Williams and Caroline Wozniacki looked hot to trotter in swimwear as they partied by the pool – and swam with pigs – on a hen do.

Williams, 37, joined 'Caro's Crew' in the Bahamas to celebrate 28-year-old Wozniacki's forthcoming wedding to ex-basketball star David Lee, 35.

The 'crew' spent the weekend on the beach singing karaoke and making up dance routines to Backstreet Boys songs.

All wore customised black swimsuits while Danish star and former world No.1 Wozniacki – in keeping with bridal tradition – donned white.

Both athletes are gearing up for the clay court season, where US great Williams hopes to win a record 24th grand slam at the French Open.

Hogging the beach: Caroline Wozniacki relaxes with party guests INSTAGRAM

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Tributes to St Paul's death student

A STUDENT died from severe head injuries after plunging 100ft from the Whispering Gallery at London's St Paul's Cathedral, an inquest heard.

James De Sousa Stayton (pictured), 19, fell from the gallery, a 259-step climb, on April 1. London Air Ambulance and other paramedics tried to save the Queen Mary student but he died at the scene.

Senior coroner Alison Hewitt opened the inquest, attended by Mr De Sousa Stayton's mother and aunt at City of London Coroner's Court, before adjourning it until investigations are completed. Mr De Sousa Stayton's family paid tribute to him, saying: 'We are all in deep shock at the loss of our beautiful, talented and intelligent son.

'He had a deep passion for history and revelled in sharing his knowledge with others. With his wicked sense of humour and mischievous smile he could bring irrepressible joy to anyone in his company.'

His death came 18 months after that of figure skater Lidia Dragescu, who fell after climbing over the gallery's safety barriers.

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Oil's well: The exhausted dog reaches the safety of the rig

Dog swimming 135 miles out at sea is saved by oil rig workers

AN exhausted dog was pulled from the sea by oil rig workers 135 miles off the coast.

The rescuers called out to the dog after spotting her trying to swim towards their rig in the Gulf of Thailand. When she reached it, they lowered a rope and pulled her to safety.

Worker Khon Vitisak said that luckily the sea was calm. 'We just saw her small head but if the ripples were bigger, I think we probably wouldn't have noticed her at all,' he said.

The mongrel stayed on the drilling platform for two nights while she was nursed back to health. She was lifted by crane on to another oil vessel on Sunday and handed over to charity Watchdog Thailand yesterday.

Mr Vitisak, who wants to adopt the dog if the owner can't be found, said: 'When we first took her onboard she was depressed and tired. We gave her water and minerals and she started sitting up and walking normally.'

It's not known if the dog swam from the shore or jumped from a boat.

Every dog has its day: The lucky animal with her rescuers

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'Kind and good hearted': Student Sydney Monfries

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STUDENT TAKING SOCIAL

A STUDENT who plunged 30ft to her death had wanted to take the perfect Instagram photo from inside a clock tower.

Sydney Monfries had broken into the Keating clock tower on the Fordham University campus in New York with a group of friends in the early hours on Sunday.

The journalism student, 22, was said to be eager to get a good picture of the city skyline for her Instagram page.

After climbing the narrow staircase inside the tower, she uploaded a video of the view to Snapchat, captioned: 'Bell Tower,' according to The New York Times. It is not clear how she lost her footing and then fell through an opening in a landing.

She was knocked unconscious and had to be airlifted from a window because the staircase in the tower was too narrow for her to be carried out by paramedics. Ms Mon-

WORLD BITES

■ FUKUSHIMA nuclear plant has begun removing fuel from a cooling pool at one of three reactors that melted down in Japan's 2011 tsunami. Tokyo Electric Power Co said the extraction of 566 intact fuel units will take two years. The real challenge of removing melted fuel from inside the reactors has yet to start.

■ **SUDANESE anti-government protesters say the army tried to break up a sit-in outside its HQ in Khartoum but backed off. They fear the military, which last week ousted president Omar al-Bashir, could break its vow not to use force against protesters, who want civilian rule and elections.**

In the drink: The thirsty mongrel laps up fresh water

All at sea: The dog was spotted in the middle of the Gulf of Thailand

DEATH FALL

MEDIA PICTURE DIES IN BELL TOWER PLUNGE

by JOEL TAYLOR

fries and her friends had eaten at a barbecue restaurant beforehand and decided to climb the tower as a 'rite of passage' before their graduation next month.

A waiter at the restaurant told The New York Post he did not know if they had been drinking. He said: 'My roommate was with them. He told me some seniors wanted to go to the tower to take some pictures and have a good time before graduating.'

The university has confirmed Ms Monfries died in a fall.

Friends paid tribute on social media, calling her a 'sweet soul'.

Anna Newell posted on Instagram: 'You were all so kind and good hearted. You were so smart, pretty and kind just like your momma.

'Thank you for being an amazing person, I will always remember you. RIP.'

Landmark: The university clock tower

■ TEACHERS in Poland are on strike for a second week after the government said it can't meet their pay demands. The teachers, paid less than supermarket cashiers, want a 30 per cent rise. The government has offered 15 per cent, a sign its generous spending policy as elections loom has reached its limit.

■ **A GUNMAN opened fire at a wedding in Afghanistan, killing at least three guests and wounding 12 others before fleeing. No organisation has claimed responsibility for the shooting in the district of Tani on Sunday, although the Taliban and other militant groups are active in eastern Khost province.**

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Know your bob from a wad of Arthur Ashe

DO YOU know your 'bob' from your 'Arthur Ashe'?

Words such as 'dosh', 'notes', 'spondulix' and 'reddies' are among the slang half of us use for cash, a study finds.

Variations include 'wedge' in London, 'tuppence' in the south-west, 'copper' in East Anglia and 'bucks' in Scotland.

Seven in ten people are confused by some terms such as a 'Pavarotti' (tenner) and a 'marigold' (£1million).

Slang makes us 'comfortable and confident', said Susie Dent, of TV's Countdown, who helped highlight the language of cash with money-sharing app Pingit.

Axing no-fault evictions a half measure, says Labour

by JOSH THOMAS

PLANS to scrap 'no-fault' evictions will improve security for tenants but don't go far enough, Labour has said.

The government is to change the rules so private landlords will not be allowed to evict tenants from their homes at short notice and without good reason.

Theresa May said the measures 'will give tenants the long-term certainty and peace of mind they deserve'.

Speaking on BBC Radio 4's Today programme, Labour's shadow housing secretary John Healey welcomed the overhaul in tenants' rights but described it as a 'half measure' that may not even happen.

He said: 'We would do what we said at the election nearly two years ago – [introduce] longer tenancies, an inflation cap on rent increases, and an ability to reset or review rents after every three years. What I don't want to see is a half measure like this that does part of the job that is required, which is why, alongside this, we do need some control of rents and we definitely need stronger minimum standards and tougher enforcement.'

Mr Healey (pictured) said the plans were 'good news' but felt it was possible they may 'never happen at all' if Mrs May leaves as prime minister.

'You've got to ask whether any of the wannabe prime ministers who succeed her would stick by the promise she has announced today,' he added.

Housing secretary James Brokenshire told the Today programme that there were about 4.5million households living in private rental housing following huge growth in the sector in the last 20 years.

He said stability was important, particularly for people with children, adding that 'there [should be] no inhibition on somebody making a complaint because of concern, through a no-fault eviction, that they may be thrown out'.

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Supper clubs to raise money for victims of Christchurch massacre

'Tribute to our heritage': Lara Lee Wood and Fiona Hannah will host supper clubs

TWO Australasian chefs will be raising money for victims of the New Zealand massacre with pop-up suppers in east London on Anzac Day.

New Zealander Fiona Hannah and Australian Lara Lee Wood – known as Kiwi and Roo – will host the event at the Hackney Coffee Company on April 24-25.

It will raise money for the victims of last month's shootings, in which 50 people were killed by a gunman at two mosques in Christchurch.

Lara said: 'Fiona lived and studied in Christchurch for three years, and I visited there several times, so we both feel deeply affected by what has happened.'

She added they will be serving dishes influenced by foods they grew up with 'as a tribute to our heritage'. Go to kiwiandroo.com for more information.

BUSINESS BITES

■ MORE than 80 per cent of chief financial officers are braced for a damaging Brexit, a poll by Deloitte shows. Nearly half expect to cut capital spending and a fifth aim to reduce deal-making activity.

■ **INDIA'S Jet Airways is flying just seven of its 14 aircraft as it finds investors to service its £1billion debts. Jet's pilots protested in Mumbai yesterday saying they had not been paid for four months.**

■ THE new boss at Kier Group, Andrew Davies, is to lead a strategic review of the troubled construction company, looking at ways to simplify and focus the business. The review's conclusions will be announced in July.

■ **BREAD, beer and beef are set to cost less after a boom in the UK wheat harvest. An extra million tons of wheat will be harvested over the coming weeks, sending its global price falling around 20 per cent.**

■ RANGERS FC are in a legal battle with part of Mike Ashley's Sports Direct Group over a replica kit deal. SDI Retail Services said in the High Court that Rangers breached a deal and allowed another firm to sell the kit.

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The real art of a cheap refurb...

LUCY TIFFNEY HAS TRANSFORMED HER HOME WITH BOLD DESIGNS ON A BUDGET

Star turn: Lucy has become renowned for her bright colours and imaginative designs

Sewn up: Revamping items like this patchwork chair has saved Lucy a fortune

MOST artists prefer to paint on canvas but for Lucy Tiffney, the walls of her home are where she shows off her skill with a brush. Her four-bedroom Victorian house has become a backdrop for her distinctive floral designs, which are displayed in every room.

After her hand-painted murals went viral on social media, she transformed them on to wallpaper, throws, cushions and even tea towels – which should be framed, not wasted on the washing up. And she's set to become a household name as her fabulous fabrics have just been commissioned by sofa.com.

No one is more surprised at her sudden success than Lucy. Just three years ago she was a schoolteacher who had long given up on her dream of becoming a designer.

'I did my degree in textiles and had a background in design, but when I became a mum I trained to be an art teacher because the job fitted around bringing up my boys,' says Lucy, whose sons are now in their teens. 'I kept the interiors going just as a hobby by doing up the houses we lived in.' Her life changed when she applied to take part in BBC Two's Great Interior Design Challenge.

'I won a place in the final and I loved it. Doing the TV show gave me the confidence I needed to pack in the day job and start the career I had always dreamed of.'

Lucy's interest in interiors and DIY started as a kid. 'My parents bought a shell of a house in the middle of nowhere and while Dad did all the building, Mum made all the curtains, cushions and furnishings.

'I was the middle child of three girls and I loved helping Dad with the projects he was working on. My two sisters were very girlie – I was the son my dad never had! I guess I caught the bug.

'I've lived in a few run-down properties over the years and always refurbed them myself – not just to be creative but to save money because building and refurbs are so expensive.'

She moved into her current home, a four-bedroom detached house in Colchester, Essex, six years ago with her husband, Tiff, and their two sons Leo, 19 and Frank, 16.

'It was in a terrible condition when we bought it. An old lady lived here for many years and there was a Stannah stairlift, which the boys loved playing on. Our friends couldn't believe we were actually going to live in it. It took a while for us to work out what jobs we could do ourselves, rather than spending thousands of unnecessary pounds.

'There was a tiny kitchen and a small breakfast room which eventually we knocked into one kitchen-diner. We did it room-by-room, skimming over awful 1970s Artex, sanding floorboards and taking out ugly gas fires.'

Lucy's skill came into its own by transforming features and furniture they couldn't afford to replace.

The red brick fireplace in the living room had been built in the 1950s and was an eyesore. 'Refurbishing is an expensive business and we didn't have the money. Rather than blowing two grand on a Victorian fireplace, I painted the bricks black and it looked really cool,' says Lucy.

'The hallway had terracotta tiles that had been painted over in a chestnut red gloss paint that was flaking off. I desperately wanted a patterned, tiled floor but tiled floors don't come cheap. Instead, I went over the whole lot in a grey Farrow &

Living colour: Vibrant tones have enlivened commonly neutral spaces, such as the bathroom wall and stairs

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Ball floor paint, which is really hard-wearing and tough. Then I made a stencil and painted each tile using contrasting paint and finished it with a clear varnish. I loved the effect. And five years on, it still looks great.'

She runs up her own curtains from vintage fabric she finds at boot sales and on eBay. When the patchwork chair in the living room gets threadbare, she simply sews on a new patch.

But paint, says Lucy, is the easiest and cheapest way to transform an interior. 'If you get bored of your décor, you really can update anything with paint – walls, floors and furniture. You can save a fortune by using what you've got.

'I'm not a shopper – I hate shopping. Even on eBay, you can waste hours not finding anything. And I don't like throwing anything out, especially when it's still functioning. So I'll just give it a facelift.

'I bought our dining table second-hand in a charity shop years ago. I was bored of it so, last week, I gave it a stripy makeover using masking tape and Annie Sloan's Scandinavian Pink chalk paint and varnished over it. I love it again now – it looks fab next to the bright yellow fireplace.

'If I don't like a chest of drawers, I'll give it a lick of paint or cover cupboard doors in wallpaper. I've even done it in the kitchen. So much cheaper than buying new units.' Lucy hand-painted flowers around the edge of the kitchen archway to match the wallpaper, making all the designs and colours cohesive.

'If you're fed up with your curtains, stick them in the washing machine with a dye and change the colour – that'll cost you a tenner!

'It's great seeing lovely homes in the glossy mags but who can afford to change their décor every time something new comes into fashion?'

Lucy is full of easy ideas to change your home. 'If you don't like the tiles in your bathroom, hang some funky wallpaper on the wall to distract the eye. It's much cheaper and less effort than retiling.'

Lucy changes her décor simply to try out her new wallpaper designs, though she now has a studio, too (inset). 'Sometimes Tiff and the boys come home and think it's a different house,' she laughs. 'Feature walls are a great way to introduce some colour and pattern into your décor.

But if you're worried about the permanence of wallpaper, then a colourful throw on the sofa or a couple of cushions will do the trick.

'One thing I've realised with age and experience is that sometimes changing one thing can change the look of the whole room. And save you a lot of time and money...'

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Second nature: Lucy's wall matches the garden

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BUCKET LIST

For slick industrial grit that won't cost the earth, upgrade your room with an Alape enamel bucket sink. 'It has an enduring appeal,' says Mark Holloway of stockists hollowaysofludlow.com. 'The design harks back to simple utility sinks of the 19th century, yet it has a contemporary feel at the same time. It's out of the ordinary but also great value.'

Enamel bucket utility sink, pictured, *£133.05, hollowaysofludlow.com,* or try coloured ceramic basins by Alice Ceramica add a splash of on-trend hue, *from £497. 76, viadurini.co.uk*

NATURAL SELECTION

Timber cladding is back, according to PLAANK sales manager Callum Freed, and it's the perfect material for adding texture and insulation in what is often a cold room in the home. 'The Reclaimed range is our most popular product,' adds Callum. 'Panels have a slightly distressed finish with an authentic weathered face. Bathroom feature walls never tend to use more than two or three packs. Once installed, there's no upkeep – knocks or dents simply add to the charm.'

Wood cladding in seven finishes, above, *from £224.99 for 1.86m2, plaank.com.* Or fake it with Blue Mix Split Face Wood Tiles, below, made from porcelain. *£29.95 per sq m, wallsandfloors.co.uk*

WALL-TO-WALL STYLE

'Vinyl wallpapers are most commonly used in bathrooms,' says Paula Taylor, colour and trends specialist at Graham & Brown**.** 'However, if your room is well ventilated, any wallpaper should be fine as long as it isn't in direct contact with water.'

The Jungle Blush Green wallpaper is a standard matt paper, or you can create an underwater escape with the Flow Black wallpaper, inset, *both £60 per roll, grahambrown.com*

MOVE TO THE DARK SIDE

'Bathrooms are often small, so homeowners paint them in neutral tones, hoping to create light and space,' explains Charlotte Cosby, head of creative at Farrow & Ball. 'However, this can often create a dull space. Instead, using a bold shade like our richly dramatic Paean Black will create an intimate, cocooning look, full of character. We recommend our Modern Emulsion, which is washable and mould-resistant.'

Paean Black paint, *£103 for five litres, farrow-ball.com*

BLACK MAGIC

'The secret to transitioning your outdated bathroom into a luxury spa retreat can be as easy as a simple tap swap,' says Nadia McCowan Hill, resident style advisor at wayfair.co.uk. 'Dare to go the dark side and opt for a tap in bold black for a sleek statement. Pair with a black-coated brass shower head for a luxe look that brings your bathroom into the 21st century.'

a Black terrazzo 42cm washbasin by Tikamoon, *£139.99, wayfair.co.uk,* **b** Round Mix Fixed Shower Head, *£27.99, wayfair.co.uk,* **c** Single lever monobloc tap by Belfry Bathroom, *£19.99, wayfair.co.uk,* right

FLOOR SHOW

Interiors blogger Lisa Dawson (@_lisa_dawson_ on Instagram) is a big fan of vinyl flooring for a simple, stylish update: 'Vinyl is reasonably priced and can be found in thousands of patterns, from geometrics through to marble and patterned tiles – even a sandy beach. I would choose a fairly neutral print, maybe even cork, as natural textures and colours are a good long-term pick.'

This pink, marble-effect vinyl Rosa floor, left, is a game changer for the bathroom, *£59 per sq m, atrafloor.com* or try Colosseum luxury vinyl tiles in Cubist Dark, above, *£42.95 per sq m, lifestyle-designerfloors.co.uk*

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THE X TILES

'Small spaces are becoming the hub of creativity and can show off your flamboyant side,' says Rachel Todd, a bathroom designer at Fired Earth. 'You don't need to tile the whole bathroom, so if you are struggling to include the tiles you love on a budget, have a patterned feature splashback or include them in a shower recess. Mix with a basic tile and accent with paint for the rest of the room. Our beautiful, recycled glass tiles create a real stir in a small area.'

a Indian Ocean Mosaics in Madagascar Seaspray, *£15.28 per 31.6cm x 31.2cm tile, firedearth.com*, **b** Treat yourself to a few luxury tiles to make a feature of a sink splashback, like Iridescent Glass Mosaics in Energy Spectrum, *£61.46 per 37.7cm x 21.7cm tile, firedearth.com*, **c** Pale pink is very this season, *Bonheur Ceramic tiles £1.62 each for a 7.5 x 30cm tile, artisansofdevizes.com*

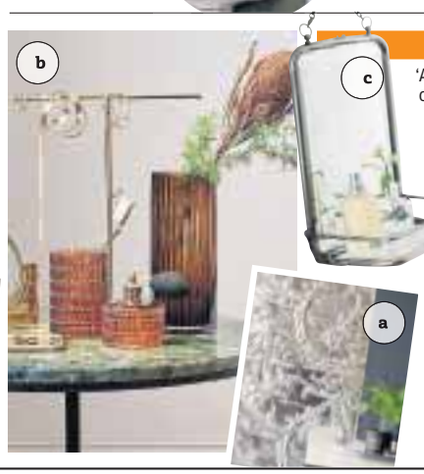
SEVENTIES COOL

'The 1970s revival is more about reimagining, rather than recreating, the decade,' says Michael Sammon, sales and marketing director at Frontline Bathrooms. 'We love this tinted shower enclosure as it is a cheeky nod to the frosted glass look which was so popular back in the 1970s and 1980s. The enclosure also adds another element of privacy, especially in family bathrooms.'

Aquaglass+ Tinted Walk-in shower panel, above, *from £385, frontlinebathrooms.co.uk*, and add a touch of Studio 54 glam with these Foxed Mirror glass tiles, inset, *£4.95 per 150 x 200mm tile, wallsandfloors.co.uk*

DECO FABULOUS

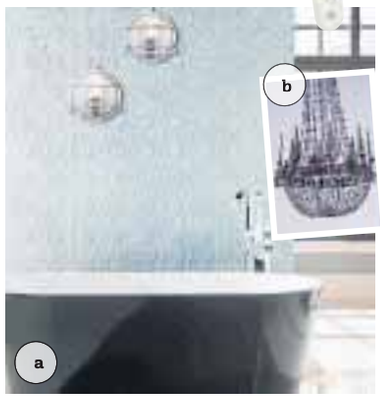
'Art deco interiors conjure up feelings of glamour, opulence and the roaring 1920s,' says Lucy St George, co-founder of Rockett St George. 'The style can be incorporated with any décor, from traditional aesthetics to modern interiors, and add a sophisticated finishing to the bathroom. We'll see lots of art deco influences with strong, geometric wallpaper, tin tiles, mirrored side tables and deco-style mirrors.'



a Filigree Tin Tile, *£19 each, rockettstgeorge.co.uk*, **b** Glass toothbrush mug, *£6.99, hm.com [other items available in store]*, **c** An elegant and chic French Folding Mirror, *£75, coxandcox.co.uk*

LET THERE BE LIGHT

'These retro-style, bulkhead lights are just the thing to give a nod to the industrial trend, and can be used in the shower and bath areas,' says Marketa Rypacek, managing director of lighting specialists industville.co.uk. Jane Rockett adds: 'The bathroom often gets overlooked with standard, boring fittings. If you want a chandelier, you can always hang one without any light fitting, just for decorative purposes. It looks beautiful above the bath and is the perfect example of statement light in an unexpected place.'



a Bulkhead round light in Gunmetal, *£89, industville.co.uk*, **b** Part of a bathroom image from the book Rockett St George: Extraordinary Interiors, *£13.96, amazon.co.uk*, **c** The Deuce wall light by Dar Lighting has an IP44 rating for bathroom use, *£79.99, wayfair.co.uk*

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We've been coming to Milan Design Week for years to get ahead of the game when it comes to what is hot in interiors. But this year, we skipped the enormous main trade fair and headed off the beaten track to hunt down the hidden gems and some big hits that will change the way we see our living spaces for many years to come.

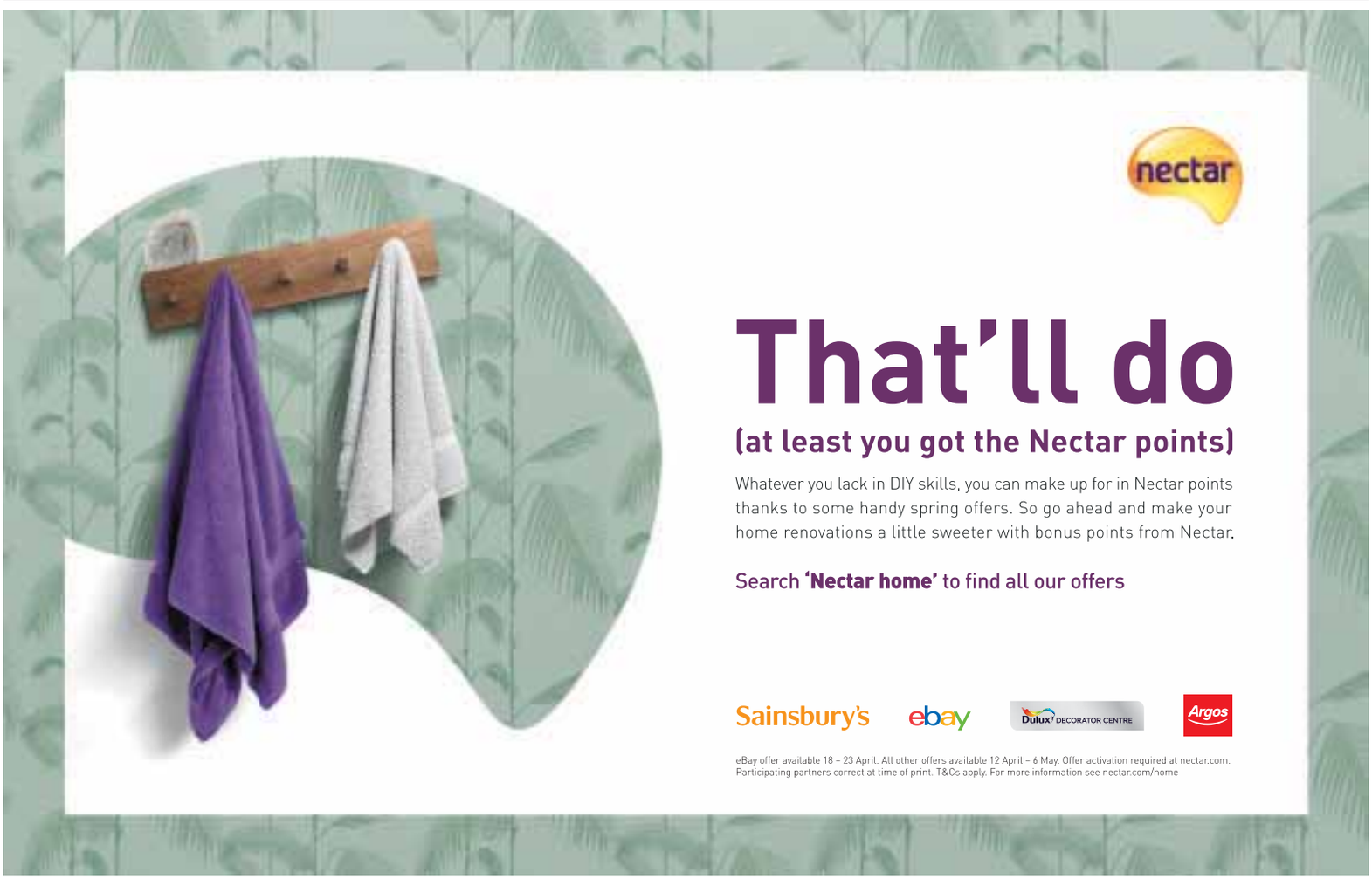
Wondering if our feet would survive a week of 20,000 steps a day, we made it our mission to find the next big thing in design and what will be the new colours we all want in our homes.

The cobbles on the Milan streets are a killer, but we were armed with new pairs of trainers and a determination to see all 100 of the events that we whittled down into our itinerary, from the thousands of shows taking place.

We set ourselves the goal of seeing 25 shows a day and three events per night for the whole week. So soft comfortable shoes were the only way to go – and those neon trainers were more than a flash of colour! But when you get to see so much incredible talent, you don't mind about your feet at all. It was gruelling, but we're not complaining.

This is our favourite week every year and we wouldn't miss it.

STUDIOPEPE (THE FUTURE IS UNWRITTEN) TILED ROOM
This year, Studiopepe have more than doubled the size of their installation – and it blew our minds! Colourful and textured. Super beautiful.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THE TWO LOVELY GAYS, AKA **RUSSELL WHITEHEAD** AND **JORDAN CLUROE**, REPORT FROM MILAN DESIGN WEEK

ARIA LIGHT

Ventura Projects host installations in railway arches, showcasing the latest in interior lighting tech. The best this year was by Aria: literally brilliant.

BLURRING THE BOUNDARIES

The fashion capital of the world becomes the design capital of the world for a week and we are once again like big kids in a sweetshop – refilling our creative pools with every experiential installation we see.

Taken to new heights of randomness this year, one such experience offered us the strangest canapé ever to go with the 'killer interior' – a dew-soaked white pastille served on a fresh leaf that may or may not have been a verbena leaf, but could just as well have been a nettle leaf.

The dew, we are told, was collected by 'the team' one morning as they attached sponges to the soles of their shoes and walked across a dewy field. We can only hope the resulting dew, squeezed from each sponge, was distilled in some way before being served.

The big fashion brands were big on design this year, getting involved in everything from ceramics to lights to fabrics and furniture. Paul Smith, Raf Simons, Dior, Gucci, Versace, Jil Sander and many more turned their hands to home, giving us amazing collaborations with some of the top interior and product design teams in the world.

PAUL SMITH + 1882 LTD (STACK OF PLATES VASE)
The British fashion icon teamed up with 1882 Ltd for this vase created from a stack of plates (hard to make, we're told!)

STAR TURN

Our fave interior design team, Dimore Studio, are quintessentially Milan and their show this year was called Interstellar. As it turns out, this was a loud, bold installation of several interiors on a stage in an old abandoned cinema to a soundtrack of David Bowie's Blackstar album. All leopard prints and raw steel, this was their take on the future of design, a nod perhaps to what life might look like on another world, in another part of the galaxy.

This theme continued throughout many shows: a need to understand our existence by exploring space and our next evolution beyond our planet. That all sounds very sci-fi but, told through the lens of interior design, it still feels very human. Could this be a new direction for homewares and furniture design, thinking about the planet in a wider context and going for a futuristic vibe?

The sustainable story is big news this year. And it's set to grow, with humble wood as the oldest new wonder material in town. Plastic was explored again and a desire to recycle or rethink our usages of it was at the front of people's minds.

HOT COLOURS

Neon. The colour palettes were similarly futuristic, but oh-so-retro too, going all 1980s with neon yellows alongside chrome and steel.

Shades of avocado and pistachio were all around us – and will make you think twice before you set about that avocado bath suite with a sledgehammer. This is taking the deep greens that have been loved in homes over the past couple of years and making them lighter and fresher.

Lilac was in abundance. It's going to be the new pink. Mum's dreaded lilac guest bedroom is no longer the Room 101 of colour, as that most 1990s of tones comes into its own.

■ *2lgstudio.com*

DIMORE STUDIO: VISIONI (FIREPLACE WITH SAND)
Year on year, Dimore Studio change their apartment in the heart of Brera, the design district in Milan. Every year we wonder how they will possibly top what they did last year – and every year they do!

TOM DIXON (THE MANZONI) BLACK AND MINT TILES
Always slick, Tom's new milky white globe lights are so dreamy, I think we may need to replace our wall lights in the sitting room at home! It's going to be a permanent restaurant now in Milan, so we'll be sure to visit again!

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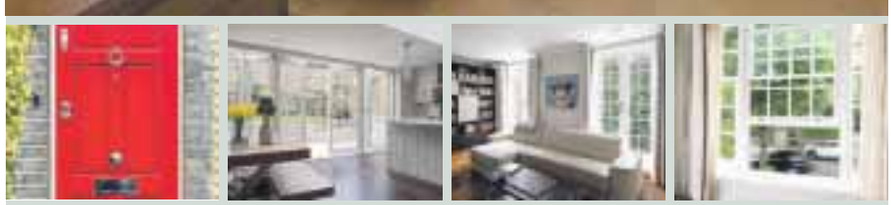

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PUZZLES

METROSCOPE by Patrick Arundell

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Although you may want to try out new ideas, consider getting as much information as you can before you go any further. The reason being coming influences can spark changes that you hadn't anticipated and this may encourage a rethink.
For your forecast, call 0906 474 0410 (60p/min)

Taurus Apr 21 – May 21
The more you are willing to look into any financial issues, the easier it can be to set them right. The weeks ahead can lead you into a process of change – if you make the right moves now, you can be happy with the manner in which it will all proceed.
For your forecast, call 0906 474 0411 (60p/min)

Gemini May 22 – Jun 21
Knowing your own mind could be crucial regarding a key decision. And if this relates to circumstances that haven't been resolved, you may need to hold further discussions. Your renewed interest could see the pace of progress really picking up.
For your forecast, call 0906 474 0412 (60p/min)

Cancer Jun 22 – Jul 23
Taking a philosophical approach to a relationship that might be intense is one way to deal with any emotions. If you feel you're becoming overly involved, you should try to look to the bigger picture.
For your forecast, call 0906 474 0413 (60p/min)

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Helping someone out might seem a great idea but by the weekend you could realise that your efforts haven't accomplished much. This week, what seemed so important recently may be replaced by livelier options.
For your forecast, call 0906 474 0414 (60p/min)

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
The presence of another can have a soothing and healing effect on you and may be the reason you feel more at ease with a situation that has brought deep feelings to the surface. Talking to them might allow you to express some other related issues.
For your forecast, call 0906 474 0415 (60p/min)

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 23
If the Venus-Pluto tie has intensified emotions that have sapped your vitality, it may help to give yourself a more relaxed schedule. Even better, opt for a spa treatment that can soothe away tensions and leave you more at peace with yourself.
For your forecast, call 0906 474 0416 (60p/min)

Scorpio Oct 24 – Nov 22
Whether you are inclined towards arts, crafts, music, dance or something else, expressing yourself can be very freeing. If a matter is a cause of frustration, you might find there's something constructive you can do if you give it more thought.
For your forecast, call 0906 474 0417 (60p/min)

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 21
You could, through a simple miscalculation, turn down an opportunity that might serve you well. Bearing this in mind, it might help to give yourself some leeway over coming days as a shift in focus could see you suddenly reversing your decision.
For your forecast, call 0906 474 0418 (60p/min)

Capricorn Dec 22 – Jan 20
You may be tempted to override another's feelings and go for what you want, as it would be less hassle and give you a better chance of success. A lunar link to Neptune though, could leave you feeling too guilty.
For your forecast, call 0906 474 0419 (60p/min)

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, investing your energies in yourself could be time and money well spent. Enjoy a treatment that can soothe aching muscles and leave you at peace with the world, setting you up to handle any complex issues.
For your forecast, call 0906 474 0420 (60p/min)

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Matters that seemed urgent might feel less so, especially today, as a dreamier aspect could shift your focus. You might wonder why you felt so strongly about a potential love interest or a friend's situation, as both seem much less of an issue now.
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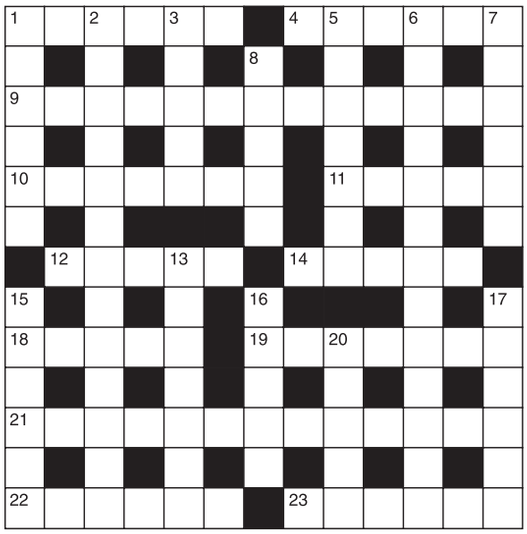
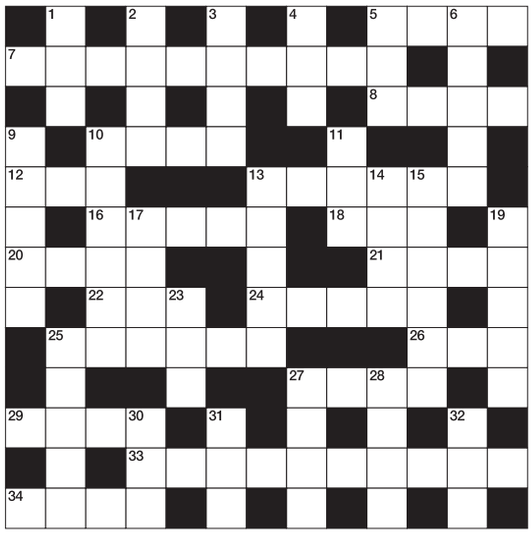


ACROSS
1. It gives full retirement! (6)
4. Being diverted made us upset (6)
9. Aren't they particular what they trade in? (7,6)
10. They don't think much of others (7)
11. I went around for string (5)
12. Soldiers from Tunis (5)
14. Seeing sense (5)
18. Bird from the Rhone (5)
19. It's hard to teach them what society regards with distaste (3,4)
21. Comprehension of some formal agreement (13)
22. Fancied an unusual red mat (6)
23. They're for putting on colours (6)

DOWN
1. Fashion design made one's name (6)
2. May be used to get across two card games (7,6)
3. Acquires a twisted snare (5)
5. Music masters! (7)
6. No reason for helping others? (7,6)
7. Cut off some of the beams? (6)
8. Shut tight (5)
13. A bad-tempered pet (7)
15. It helps to express an uncertain future (6)
16. Possibly beat a retreat (5)
17. Figures I spoil the games (6)
20. They give the fellow an alternative (5)

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS
5. Chafes (4)
7. Duplicate (6,4)
8. Every (4)
10. Shed tears (4)
12. Epoch (3)
13. Shameless and bold (6)
16. Natural ability (5)
18. King (3)
20. Prevalent (4)
21. Tip up (4)
22. Insulate (3)
24. Of the nose (5)
25. Disprove (6)
26. Pixie (3)
27. Noisy quarrels (4)
29. Burst or break (4)
33. Wicked (4-6)
34. This place (4)

DOWN
1. Drinks counter (3)
2. Woodwind instrument (4)
3. Simple card game (4)
4. Not bottom (3)
5. Whiskey grain (3)
6. Meat in rashers (5)
9. Vital organ (5)
10. Nonsense (6)
11. Opposite of peace (3)
13. Pickling solution (5)
14. Greek letter (4)
15. Expatriates (6)
17. Plant part (4)
19. Rigid (5)
23. Weapon (3)
25. Chosen way (5)
27. Hindquarters (4)
28. Magician's stick (4)
30. Golf peg (3)
31. Metal point of a pen (3)
32. Star sign (3)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

CRYPTIC
Across: 1 General store; 7 Abbey; 8 Knelt; 9 Dip; 10 Crow's nest; 11 Wraith; 12 Morsel; 15 Watermark; 17 Eat; 18 Libra; 19 Ether; 21 Red-letter day.
Down: 1 Goes down well; 2 Rob; 3 Lay low; 4 Take stock; 5 Reeve; 6 State lottery; 7 Alpha; 10 Caterwaul; 13 Shear; 14 Patent; 16 Table; 20 Hie.

QUICK
Across: 4 Suture; 7 Emporium; 8 Access; 10 Alias; 13 Flat; 14 Bold; 15 Dill; 16 Sea; 17 Mail; 19 Amid; 21 Direction; 23 Iota; 24 Host; 26 Won; 27 Brew; 29 Omit; 32 Plus; 33 Trade; 34 Killer; 35 Apiarist; 36 Dental.
Down: 1 Kebab; 2 April; 3 Arms; 4 Small; 5 Tact; 6 Rushed; 9 Calais; 11 Lot; 12 Admit; 13 Filches; 15 Die; 16 Sin; 18 Arable; 20 Motor; 21 Don; 22 Tow; 23 Iodine; 25 Kid; 28 Rural; 30 Magic; 31 Tents; 32 Plot; 33 Thaw.

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Deadly: Medical thriller Trust Me

NEW Trust Me BBC1, 9pm
That's Trust Me as in 'I'm A Doctor', though the title is dripping with irony as something deadly is going on in the Glasgow hospital where Corporal Jamie McCain (Alfred Enoch) winds up after he's shot in the heat of battle. Is an Angel Of Death stalking his ward? The hints from a cast including Ashley Jensen and John Hannah (left) aren't exactly subtle but if medical thrillers are your body bag, this hits the spot.

TONIGHT'S TV CHOICE

NEW The Great British School Swap Channel 4, 9pm
This is a simple idea but an effective one. A bunch of teenagers from a mainly white school in Tamworth in Staffordshire head to a black area of Birmingham to sample life as a racial minority. The results are enlightening as young minds are opened and expectations challenged.

NEW First Dates C4, 10pm
Dating shows come and go but this is the one that comes with benefits, by which we mean twinkly host Fred Sirieix and the no-nonsense share-a-meal formula that never fails to pay dividends. First up is an owl sanctuary volunteer – hopefully more of a hoot than a twit (twoo).

NEW Ben Fogle: New Lives In The Wild Channel 5, 9pm
Ben Fogle must be a stranger to his own bed, he spends that much time checking out the diverse lifestyles of folk who have been brave enough to up sticks and go off-grid. His latest set of alternative adventures kicks off in Peru, where backpackers Scott and Casey have set themselves up as kite surf instructors. We can only dream...

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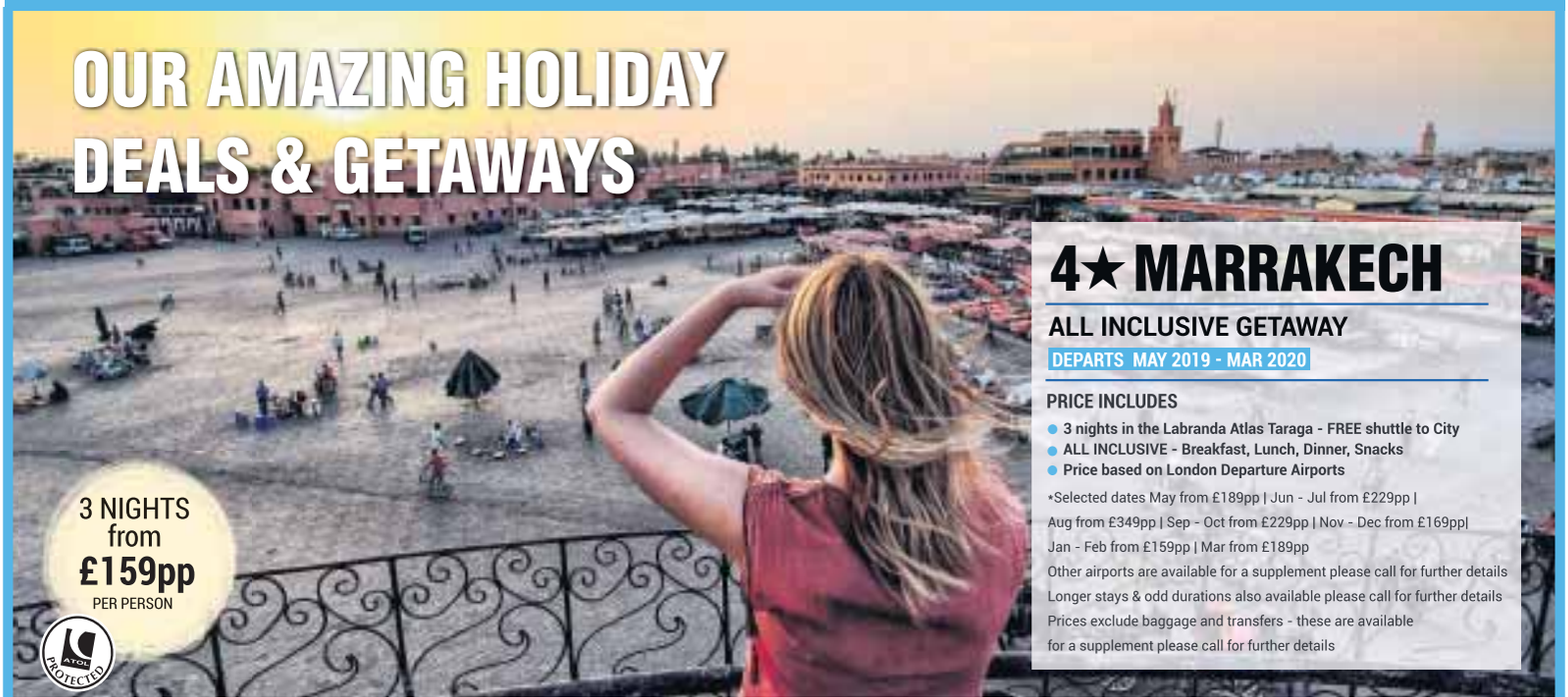

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F1 Debrief

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NEWS FROM THE SHANGHAI PITLANE

Compromising position: Leclerc was forced to make way for Vettel

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Ferrari aero agony drags on as Leclerc is 'hung out to dry'

FERRARI, with their top speed advantage, were expected to deliver the goods in China, yet the Silver Arrows dominated the 1,000th Formula One race. Have the Scuderia messed up the design of the SF90? Nico Rosberg believes so.

The Ferrari's design philosophy is low-drag compared to the Mercedes W10, which gives it an advantage at the end of long straights but is compromised around high-speed turns. This hurt them in Shanghai on Sunday, where a well-balanced car is essential.

'Ferrari have pitched their car in the wrong place aerodynamically,' explains 2016 world champion Rosberg.

'They have too little drag and just not enough downforce in corners, where they are losing a lot of time. It's not ideal for the fastest possible lap. They're just in the wrong place with their car.'

In Bahrain, with its emphasis on medium-speed corners, the SF90 was the class of the field and Charles Leclerc put it on pole. Ferrari were gaining half a second on Mercedes on the start-finish straight alone.

However, in China, despite having an even longer back straight, the circuit's other characteristics gave the front row and one-two victory to Mercedes.

The Mercs were fitted with new higher downforce front-wing endplates, while Ferrari tried to increase their rear downforce to make up the deficit.

'They were trying to put on some more rear wing but they didn't have the bigger rear wing they needed,' explains Rosberg, who was once offered a place at Imperial College London to study aerodynamics. 'Just putting on rear wing is not an efficient way because it's just 1:1 – "increase downforce, increase drag". That's not the way to go.

'The way to go is to take it from other places on the car, like front wings, endplates. But that's a lot of work. It's going to take time.'

Aero performance isn't the only thing causing headaches at Maranello. As in Australia, they ordered new boy Leclerc to make way for Sebastian Vettel.

This severely compromised Leclerc's strategy and as a result he finished fifth behind Max Verstappen.

Had Ferrari ordered Vettel past two laps earlier or just let the battle play out it's likely the result would have been a third and fourth. In the words of Christian Horner, whose Red Bull team profited, 'Leclerc got hung out to dry'.

On paper, the next race in Azerbaijan should be a Ferrari cake walk; the longest straight of the season and then wiggly street circuit turns that put an emphasis on mechanical grip rather than aero. But the Mercedes seems better suited to the calendar as a whole and, after three rounds, they've scored three one-two finishes and almost twice as many points as the reds.

The most successful start to a season in the Silver Arrows' history is all the more surprising as we all expected the closest fight between the top teams yet.

The last time a team scored a hat-trick of one-twos at the start of a season it was Williams in 1992, with Nigel Mansell and Riccardo Patrese.

MAGIC IN SHORT SUPPLY FOR TOILING KUBICA

ROBERT KUBICA described spinning on the formation lap as 'the most exciting moment of the race'.

Williams have been slowest in qualifying in each race this season and both cars finished two laps down on Sunday. For Kubica, his comeback from serious injury is turning into a nightmare. 'I'm trying everything, but when you have no grip, there's no magic in this sport,' he said.

'I cannot do the things the guys in front are doing, or even [team-mate] George [Russell], so it's very strange.'

Smith and Warner recalled by Australia after tampering bans

CRICKET

STEVE SMITH and David Warner have been named in Australia's 15-man World Cup squad, marking their return to international cricket following bans for ball tampering.

Former captain Smith (top right) and Warner (bottom right) were suspended for a year due to their roles in the plan to scratch the ball with sandpaper during a Test with South Africa last March.

Now the duo, who have played in this season's Indian Premier League, will return to the international stage in the tournament in England and Wales, which starts on May 30. Chairman of selectors Trevor Hohns said: 'We have been extremely pleased with how the ODI squad has been building over the past six months, including the recent series wins in India and against Pakistan in the UAE.

'Steve Smith and David Warner come back into the squad. Both are world-class players and it has been pleasing to see them produce some good form in the IPL.'

Spinners Adam Zampa and Nathan Lyon are also in the squad but Peter Handscomb and Josh Hazlewood miss out.

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JACK TIPS TIGER TO POUNCE

NICKLAUS BELIEVES A HEALTHY WOODS CAN CHALLENGE HIS MAJOR RECORD

Closing in: Nicklaus (left) with Woods

by NICK METCALFE

JACK NICKLAUS has always believed a healthy Tiger Woods would equal or surpass his record of 18 majors.

But while Nicklaus can enjoy the chase from the comfort of the sidelines, golf's current generation will rightly be concerned about having to deal with a rejuvenated Woods following his 15th major victory in a memorable Masters at Augusta.

They cannot say they were not warned either, Woods having led last year's Open with eight holes to play and finished as runner-up to Brooks Koepka at the US PGA.

The 43-year-old then held off the challenge of McIlroy and Justin Rose to win the Tour Championship in September, a first tour title since 2013.

'The win at East Lake was a big confidence booster because I had come close last year a couple of times and I didn't quite do it,' Woods said. 'To be able to do that against Rory and Rosey there gave me a lot of confidence going into this year, and I said, you know, just keep building on it and let's try to get the mind and body peaking towards Augusta.'

Asked about the prospect of equalling or beating the record of Nicklaus, who also finished runner-up in 19 majors, Woods added: 'I really haven't thought about that yet.

'I'm sure I'll probably think of it going down the road. Maybe, maybe not. But right now it's a little soon and I'm just enjoying 15.' Woods needed a nerve block just to be able to attend the Champions Dinner two years ago and told Nicklaus 'I'm done,' but the 79-year-old says he never doubted Woods would win again and challenge his record.

Nicklaus said: 'I kept saying "I think he will [win another major]". It all depended on Tiger's health. Nobody wants their record to be broken but I certainly wouldn't want Tiger to be hurt and not be able to do it.'

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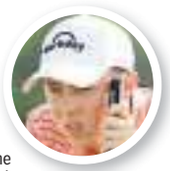


'This is my fifth time here, once as an amateur, four times as a pro. I am definitely five times wiser. Stood on the 14th tee (on Sunday) I was six under, with a six-over first round. If I shoot level par there I'm six better, I'm 12 under. This week has given me the belief that I can [win at Augusta].'

Englishman Matt Fitzpatrick (pictured) believes he can contend for the Masters title after matching the last 54 holes of champion Tiger Woods. Fitzpatrick finished in a tie for 21st place having shot 78 in the opening round

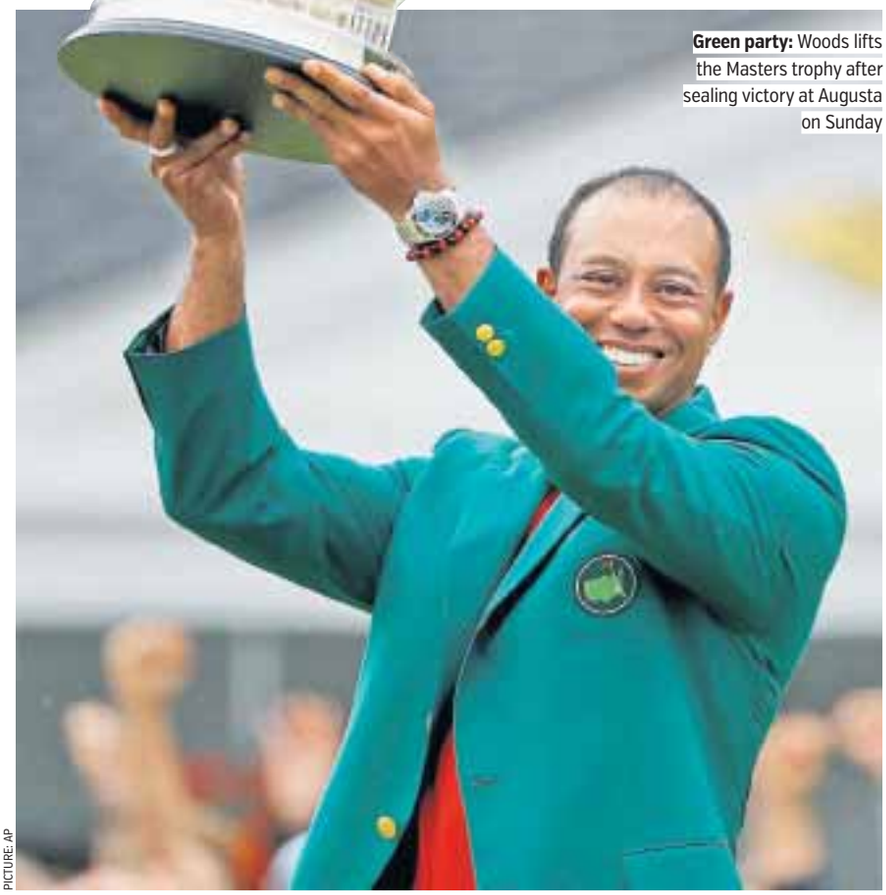
PICTURE: GETTY

MOLINARI STAYING POSITIVE

FRANCESCO MOLINARI has vowed to learn from his Masters battle with Tiger Woods after missing out on a second major.

The Open champion took a two-shot lead into the final day and was still two ahead with seven to play, only for double bogeys at 12 and 15 seeing him finish in a share of fifth place. 'The energy out there was brilliant with Tiger being there,' said Molinari (pictured).

'On the back nine there were a couple of instances of not being aggressive enough and I lost focus a little bit. Next year it won't be a course where I've never played well before.'



Green party: Woods lifts the Masters trophy after sealing victory at Augusta on Sunday

PICTURE: AP

NEVER mind the sporting story of the year. This Masters triumph for Tiger Woods could well be the greatest tale told this decade, and maybe beyond.

When a player has won 15 majors, it's not easy to rank them in order of achievement. But for so many reasons this surely has to be his finest victory.

Better than blitzing the rest of the field to claim the 1997 Masters at the age of 21. Or storming to the US Open title by 15 shots three years later. More special even than the time he won the US Open on effectively one leg in 2008.

This must top the lot, because a couple of years ago we weren't even sure Woods would ever play the game again.

Indeed, at the Champions Dinner before the 2017 Masters, he suggested his time was up, the American almost willing to concede defeat in his battles with injury.

But spinal fusion surgery, his fourth back operation in three years, gave Woods a new lease of life, and he showed during a tremendous 2018 that he was again a force to be reckoned with.

Still, there were doubts he could go the extra mile and win a major again. It seemed too outlandish a thought somehow, even given sport's endless capacity to surprise us.

Sunday was like taking a step back in time. It really did feel like the Woods glory days. The 43-year-old looked every inch the first among equals again.

This success transcended golf, and even sport too. You could see that in the messages Woods received, which included tributes from US presidents past and present.

Woods is part of that select band of sportspeople, like Pele and Muhammad Ali, who cross the boundaries and permeate into all areas of life.

Who is to say whether this was one final glorious swansong or the start of a prolonged Indian summer for Woods in the majors in his 40s? Would you dare bet against him now? One thing is for certain. Every major for the rest of this year and beyond is going to be a truly bewitching prospect with Woods back at the very top of the game.

Nobody can pretend Woods isn't a deeply flawed character. We have all seen that with the various personal scandals in his life over the past decade, which included the admittance of infidelity in his marriage.

But there has never been any doubt over Woods the supreme sporting competitor.

It's a privilege for us all to witness this mother of all comebacks.

'This felt like a step back in time to his glory years'

NICK METCALFE SAYS WOODS' MASTERS VICTORY MAY HAVE BEEN HIS VERY BEST

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Days between Tiger Woods' play-off victory over Rocco Mediate in the US Open at Torrey Pines in 2008 – his previous major – and Sunday's Augusta triumph

1,199
Woods' place in the world rankings in November 2017. His Masters victory means he was up to sixth in yesterday's updated standings

46
Jack Nicklaus' age when he won his record 18th and final major at the Masters in 1986. Woods is now just three titles behind, at the age of 43

SPORT IN BRIEF

Shaun backs out of being Ed coach

RUGBY LEAGUE

SHAUN EDWARDS will not take up the role of head coach of Wigan in 2020.

Edwards, who agreed a three-year deal in August 2018, is now set to stay on the coaching staff of the Welsh rugby union team.

'After much thought and deliberation, I wish to clarify my situation. I will not be taking up the head coaching role at Wigan, the reason being my lack of preparation.' Edwards said. 'Wigan need a more experienced rugby league head coach than myself, to give the club the best team possible.'

12 Games from the final 13 won by Argentina's Diego Schwartzman as he came from behind to beat British No.1 Kyle Edmund 4-6, 6-3, 6-1 in the opening round of the Monte Carlo Masters yesterday

Dragons start defence against Doncaster

RUGBY LEAGUE

HOLDERS Catalans Dragons will begin their defence of the Challenge Cup against League 1 part-timers Doncaster. The tie of the round will see Warrington and Wigan meet in a repeat of the 2018 Super League Grand Final while in a West Yorkshire derby, Championship Bradford are drawn at home to Leeds.

Billy is warned by Sarries over Folau support

RUGBY UNION

SARACENS have cautioned forward Billy Vunipola, saying he made 'a serious error of judgement' by defending a homophobic Instagram post by Australia full-back Israel Folau.

The Premiership club said the 26-year-old had contravened his contract and 'has been formally warned about his future conduct'.

■ ISRAEL FOLAU will not retract homophobic comments which look like ending his career. Folau said: 'Whatever His will is, to play or not, I'm happy to do what He wants.'

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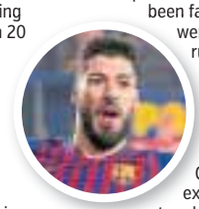

DO you believe in miracles? Manchester United fans will point to the amazing night in Barcelona 20 years ago when they beat Bayern Munich in that never-to-be-forgotten Champions League final.

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer hit the winner that night and has experienced a remarkable fightback as a manager with that stunning victory in the second leg against Paris Saint-German in the last round at the Parc des Princes.

Tonight United return to the Nou Camp hoping history repeats itself. But they have been faltering of late and were given the runaround by Barcelona in the quarter-final first leg at Old Trafford last week.

Lionel Messi and Co are going to be extremely difficult to topple, even if this is not perhaps their vintage side.

United are a whopping 15/2 to win with William Hill but don't be tempted. Back Barca HT/FT at 21/20 with Ladbrokes while Luis Suarez (pictured) is 19/20 to score with the same firm.

6/5
Don't write off Ajax tonight, take them plus one goal to beat Juventus (Coral)

23/20
Brighton to beat Cardiff in tonight's must-win relegation scrap (Bet Victor)

23/10
Terence Crawford to stop Amir Khan in rounds five to eight in New York (Betfair)

■ TIGER WOODS showed true greatness to win The Masters on Sunday but it is unlikely he will ever be crowned The Greatest. SportNation go 100/1 he breaks Jack Nicklaus' record of 18 majors and 25/1 he smashes his record of six Augusta wins.

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Reds 'watched Masters over City'

LIVERPOOL players opted to watch Tiger Woods' Masters triumph rather than title rivals Manchester City beating Crystal Palace.

City briefly returned to the Premier League summit yesterday with a 3-1 win at Selhurst Park after kicking off two-and-a-half hours before the Reds' 2-0 defeat of Chelsea at Anfield.

'We had the golf on. I wanted Tiger to win it,' said Liverpool defender Andy Robertson (pictured). 'I was watching it with James Milner in the treatment room. I'm sure some of the lads were aware of the City score but it wasn't something we spoke about.

'We didn't know the City result beforehand but because we hadn't heard anything we just guessed they had won.'

Flipping opener: Aubameyang celebrates giving Arsenal an early lead PICTURE: GETTY

PREMIER LEAGUE

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CHELSEA	34	20	6	8	57	36	66
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CRYSTAL PALACE	34	11	6	17	40	46	39
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Not the Troy story Hornets wanted as Gunners go fourth

0 WATFORD — 1 ARSENAL (Aubameyang 10)

by JUSTIN PALMER

ARSENAL got a helping hand to end their miserable away form as the unconvincing Gunners went fourth in the Premier League last night.

Watford self-destructed in two first-half minutes at Vicarage Road. Goalkeeper Ben Foster's howler saw Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang charge down his clearance to put Arsenal ahead before Hornets captain Troy Deeney received a straight red for elbowing Lucas Torreira.

But Arsenal failed to press home their numerical advantage after that in a pedestrian display which left them clinging on for victory.

The win, however, put the Gunners level on 66 points with Chelsea and ahead of the Blues on goal difference – Unai Emery's side also having a game in hand. Third-placed Tottenham have one point more.

Clash: Deeney (right) and Torreira

Before last night Arsenal had won just twice on the road in 12 away games since the start of December but fortune was on their side against the FA Cup finalists. Foster took too much time in clearing a backpass and allowed Aubameyang to close in and divert back into the net. Deeney's moment of madness swiftly followed but to Watford's credit they rallied with ten men.

Bernd Leno tipped Craig Cathcart's volley on to the post and later in the half dived full length to save Etienne Capoue's free-kick.

After the break Foster made a fine close-range block from Henrikh Mkhitaryan but Arsenal wasted chances to kill the game off.

Watford's Adam Masina struck the angle of post and crossbar from distance while a fine Ainsley Maitland-Niles block denied Andre Gray a deserved equaliser.

Foster said of his blunder: 'I've said sorry to the lads. In hindsight you have to get rid as quick as you can, even if it goes into row Z.'

It's going to take Sterling effort now, says Raheem

by MATTHEW NASH

RAHEEM STERLING believes the Premier League title race will go down to the wire and promises there will be no let-up from Manchester City.

Liverpool's win over Chelsea on Sunday sent them back to the top, just a couple of hours after City beat Crystal Palace 3-1 to briefly regain the lead.

But with City having played a game less, their destiny remains in their own hands.

England forward Sterling, who scored twice at Selhurst Park, feels City and his former club will continue matching each other stride for stride over what promises to be an exciting run-in.

'Yes, 100 per cent, the way Liverpool have been playing it will go down to the wire,' he predicted.

'I don't see us slowing down now. Liverpool have a great squad, great self-belief, but so do we.'

With the way Liverpool have been playing, it will go down to the wire, 100 per cent

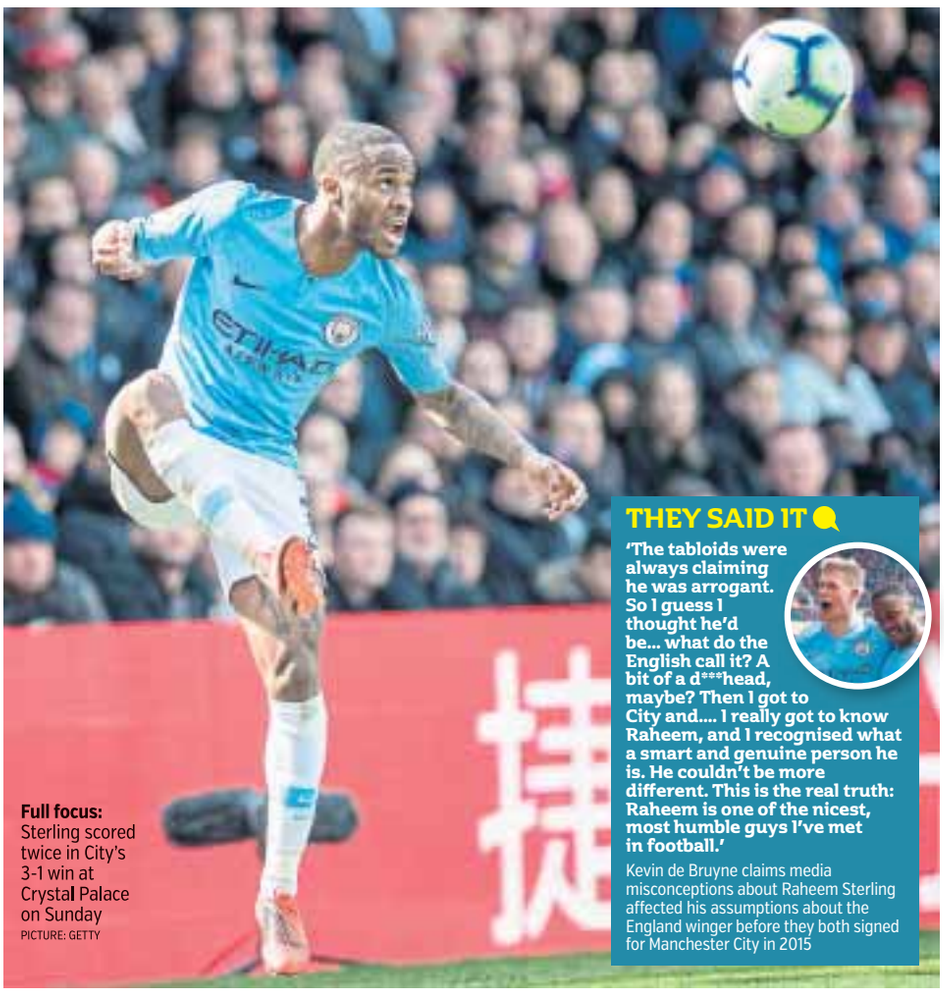
Sterling's brace put City in control at Palace but only after he missed a glorious chance to give them the lead.

'I tried to be a bit too clever with the first one,' he admitted. 'But the game is 90 minutes and it was still 0-0, so I knew there would be more chances.

'You always want to score your first opportunity and sometimes it doesn't happen like that. You don't beat yourself up. There's 80 minutes left, you just have to be ready for the next opportunity. '

It was a tough afternoon for Palace and in particular Christian Benteke, who started his first game since February 9 and played the whole 90 minutes.

The striker said: 'I am happy. I am always available for my team-mates and I work hard in training to be where I am. I will keep pushing myself until the end.'



Full focus: Sterling scored twice in City's 3-1 win at Crystal Palace on Sunday
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THEY SAID IT

'The tabloids were always claiming he was arrogant. So I guess I thought he'd be... what do the English call it? A bit of a d*head, maybe? Then I got to City and.... I really got to know Raheem, and I recognised what a smart and genuine person he is. He couldn't be more different. This is the real truth: Raheem is one of the nicest, most humble guys I've met in football.'**

Kevin de Bruyne claims media misconceptions about Raheem Sterling affected his assumptions about the England winger before they both signed for Manchester City in 2015

Opportunity: Warnock

Written-off Woods an inspiration for Cardiff

NEIL WARNOCK believes Tiger Woods' stunning Masters triumph can act as inspiration for relegation-threatened Cardiff to mount their own comeback story.

Warnock was watching on Sunday as Woods claimed a fifth green jacket at Augusta, 11 years after his previous major win.

Cardiff's hopes of avoiding the drop from the Premier League also appear fanciful with a five-point gap to Brighton in 17th and their remaining five fixtures including games against Liverpool and Manchester United.

But the Bluebirds would cut the gap to two points by winning at the faltering Seagulls tonight, although Chris Hughton's team do have a game in hand.

'We just have to look at the golf and at what Tiger has done – amazing,' Warnock said.

'Nobody gave him a chance either, he has been written off that many times and we have.

'Obviously over the last few weeks we have felt sorry for ourselves a few times.

'We haven't got time to do that [this week] and if it's not good enough then we accept it.

'But this is an opportunity to give ourselves a chance till the end of the season. We have to grab that.'

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Gomes hit with violent conduct charge from FA

EVERTON'S Andre Gomes has been charged with violent conduct for an alleged stamp on Fulham's Aleksander Mitrovic.

Referee Lee Probert did not see the incident which came late on in Everton's 2-0 weekend defeat, but the Football Association has acted on video footage. Portuguese midfielder Gomes (pictured) has until 6pm today to respond.

Dons slam 'disgusting' abuse targeting Aneke

MK DONS say they are 'appalled' after their forward Chuks Aneke was the subject of a racist social media post on Sunday.

The post was published on Instagram following Dons' 2-1 defeat to Tranmere the previous day, allegedly by a Rovers fan.

Dons said the abuse was 'totally disgusting and unacceptable', while in a separate statement Tranmere insisted they have a 'zero tolerance of hate crime' and have referred the post to police.

Police investigation as flare thrown at Anfield

MERSEYSIDE Police are investigating after a flare was thrown during Liverpool's 2-0 win over Chelsea at Anfield on Sunday, resulting in a nine-year-old requiring medical treatment.

The object was thrown from the upper tier of the Anfield Road End – above where visiting supporters were sitting.

A statement said: 'At this stage, it is not clear who threw the flare, but investigations are ongoing.'

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SOLSKJAER CONFIDENT UNITED CAN PULL OFF ANOTHER NOU CAMP MISSION IMPROBABLE

by JACK FOX

OLE GUNNAR Solskjaer attempted to tone down the significance of the 1999 Champions League final but the Manchester United manager does believe the fixture proved anything is possible in football.

Solskjaer claimed a special place in the hearts of United supporters 20 years ago when his last-gasp strike against Bayern Munich at the Nou Camp sealed their unforgettable Treble.

Now the club's manager, the Norwegian returned to the ground yesterday as his side bid to overturn a 1-0 deficit in the return leg of their Champions League quarter-final in Barcelona.

Yet Solskjaer refused to dwell too much on the past and is fully focused on the task at hand, urging his side to believe they can prevail tonight against the Spanish champions.

He said: 'Of course it's a fantastic memory for me. It's the only time I've been on the [Nou Camp] pitch, but I don't really look back on that night too often.

'My job now is to make us play better than in the first game.

'I was a player back then. In football anything can happen at any time and we know that we can still be in this tie.

'It's about the quality though. We need to defend well but going forward we need to score.

'If we keep a clean sheet, we can still be in the tie in the 93rd minute [when they scored the last-gasp clincher against Paris Saint-Germain].' Solskjaer thinks his players should be emboldened by the fightback against PSG in the last 16.

Great memory: United boss Solskjaer

Following a 2-0 loss at Old Trafford, United responded in spectacular fashion with a 3-1 victory at the Parc des Princes to progress on away goals last month.

Solskjaer recognises the abilities of a Barcelona side who have won four European Cups since 2006 but remains in a bullish mood.

He said: 'That memory from PSG will help the players, will help us as a team. We know we can turn things round.

'Of course Barcelona here at the Nou Camp is a difficult prospect but the memory from that night will live with the players.

'It's not that long ago and we're one goal better off.'

Famous winners: Solskjaer (left) in the Nou Camp and Marcus Rashford at PSG

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BOSS BELIEVES POGBA IS FOR KEEPY-UPPIES

SPECULATION Paul Pogba could leave Manchester United for Real Madrid in the summer has been brushed aside by his manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer.

In response to questioning from the Spanish media about the Frenchman's future, Solskjaer said: 'Paul's focus is on Man United and performing here. He has been fantastic since I've come here and I've no doubt that he will perform for Man United as he has done lately.'

On United fans' concerns over whether Pogba will stay, Solskjaer added: 'I don't think they should worry too much.'

Eyes on the ball: Pogba's focus is on United according to manager Solskjaer

PICTURE: EPA

Point to prove: Sanchez

Sanchez set to make his Barca return

ALEXIS SANCHEZ was among United's 22-man travelling contingent and is in contention to make a return against his former club after six weeks on the sidelines because of a knee injury.

The Chilean, who scored 47 times in 141 appearances during three seasons with Barcalona between 2011 and 2014, has endured a largely miserable time at United, as a haul of five goals in 41 games would suggest.

United boss Ole Gunnar Solskjaer said: 'For Alexis it's a big night and when he's on the pitch I'm sure he wants to prove a point.

'He wants to prove a point for us as well. He's been injured, he's not had a fantastic season so far and let's hope he can end the season great for us.

'We are in the business end of the season, we're playing games that Man United are used to playing. Let's hope Alexis can be happy with his performance when he is on the pitch.'

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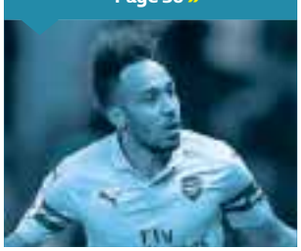

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